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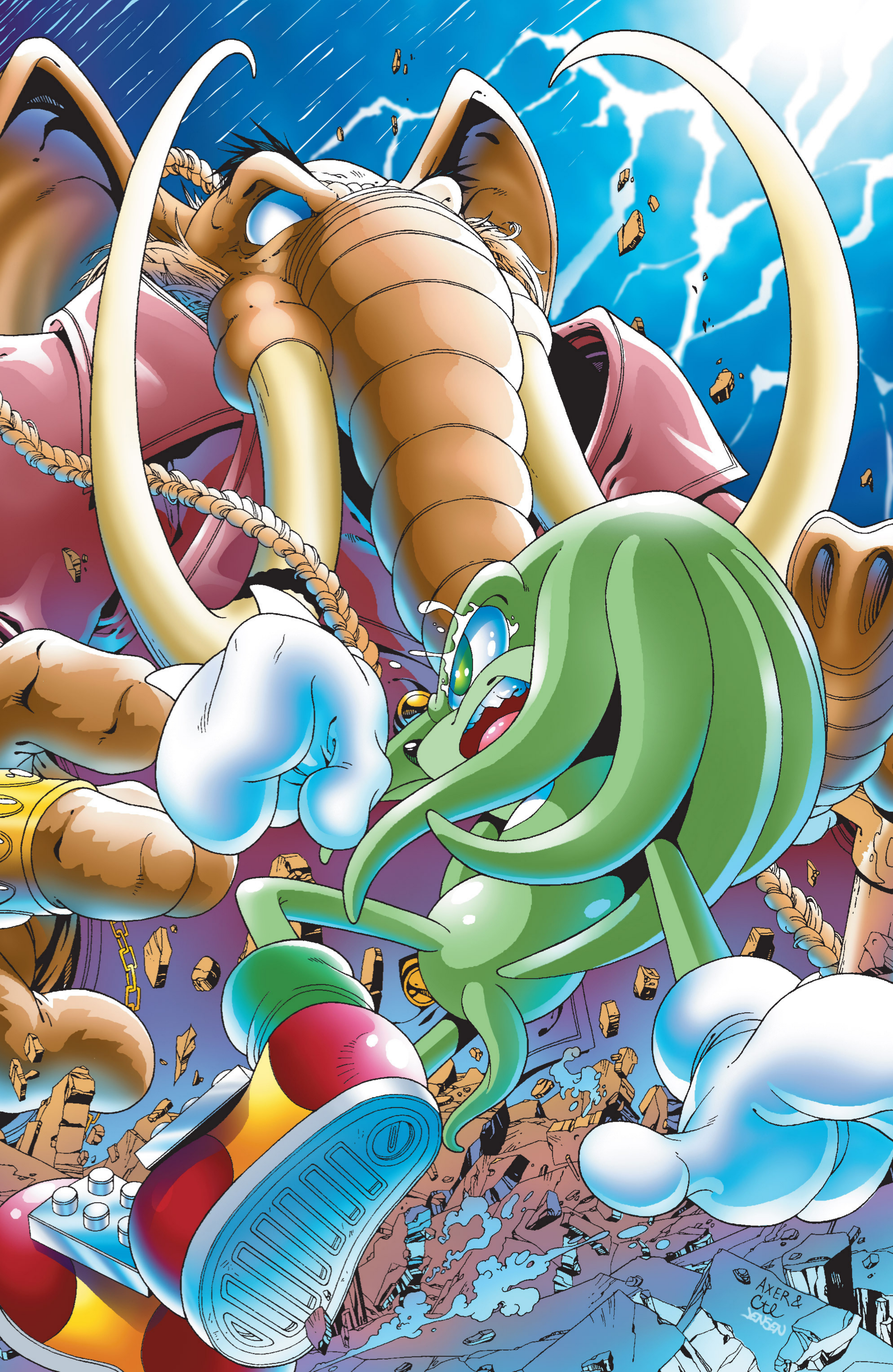
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CYBER RACE!

Starring DOCTOR ROBOTNIK

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SOMEWHERE ALONG
THE INFORMATION
SUPERHIGHWAY...

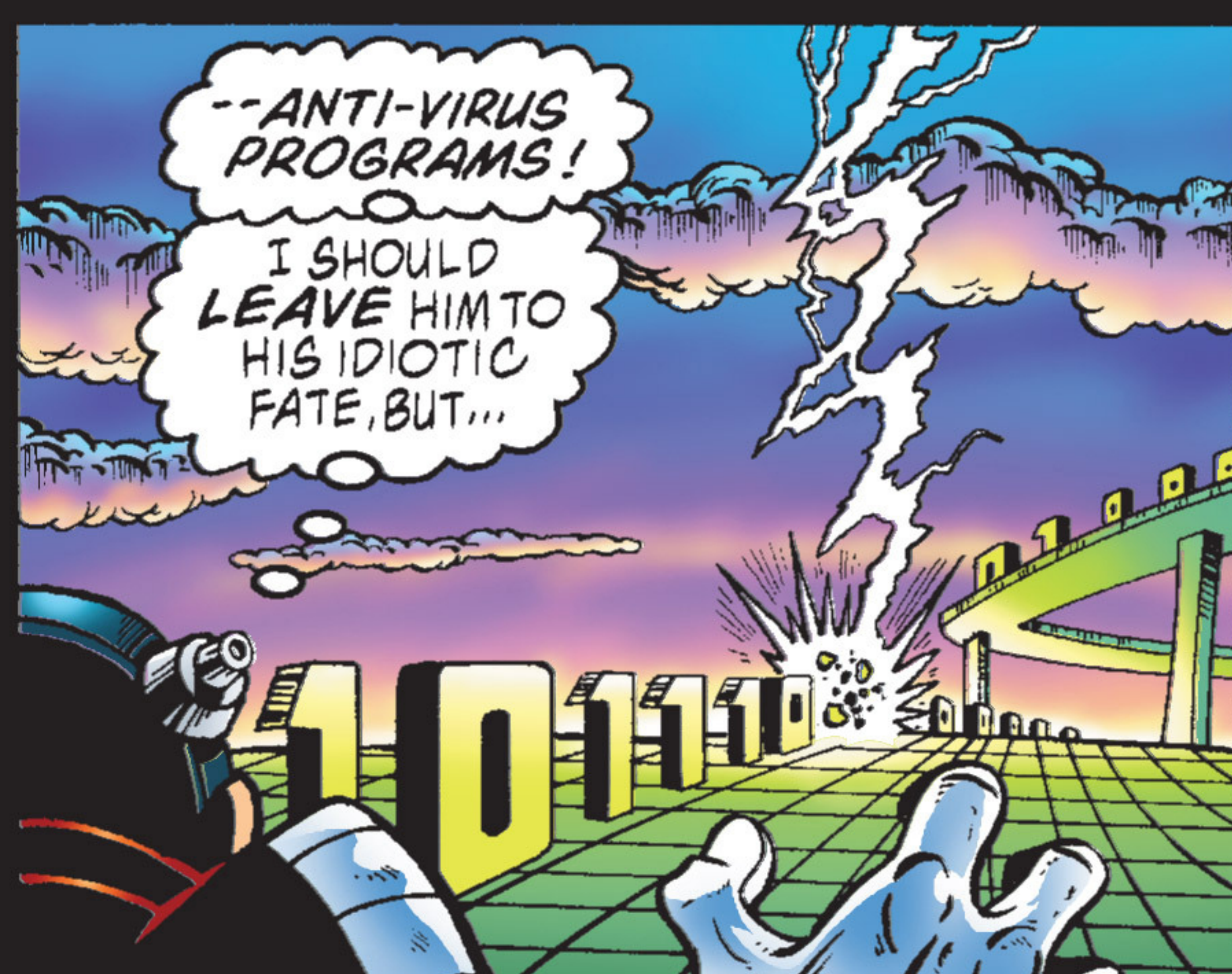
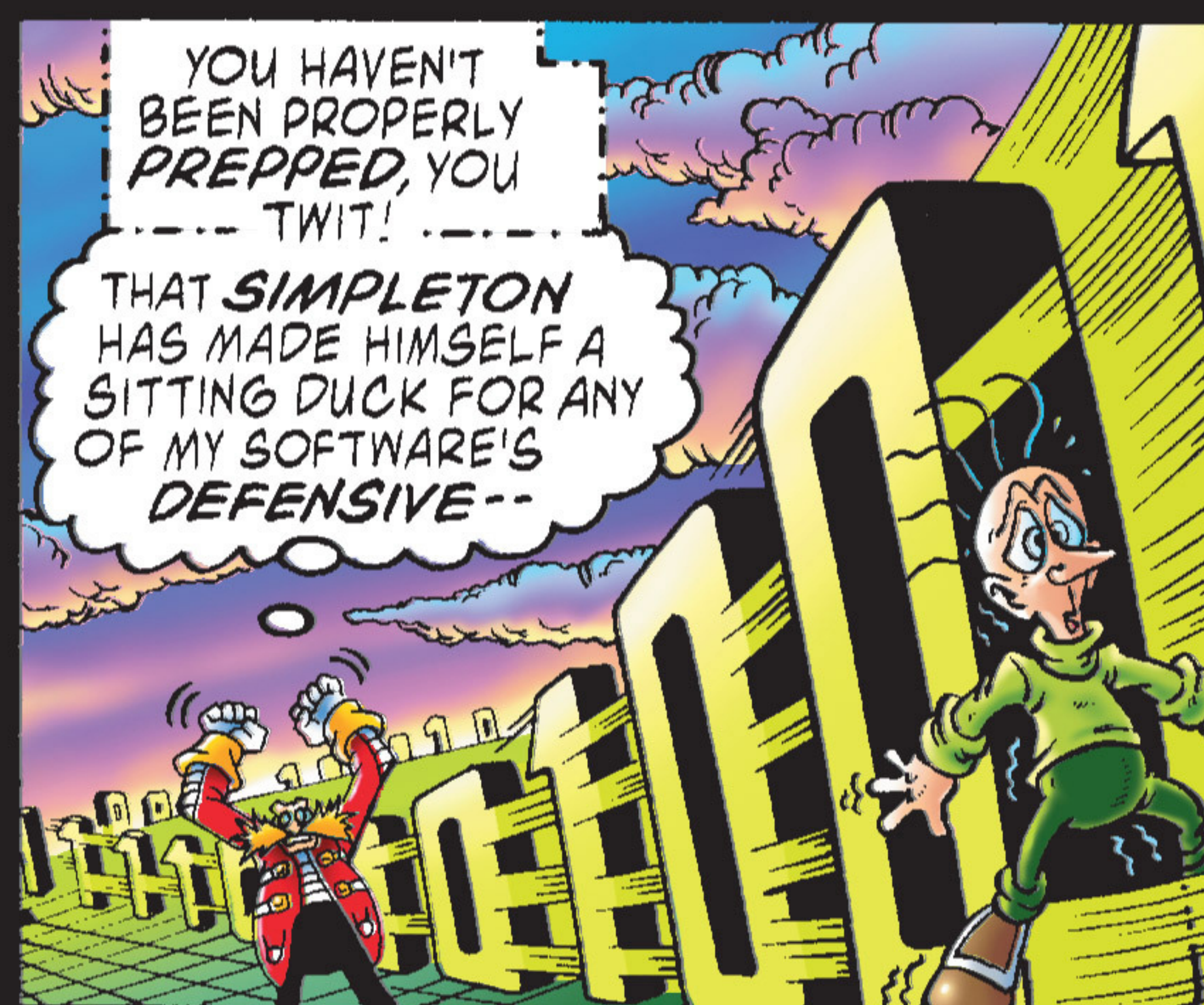
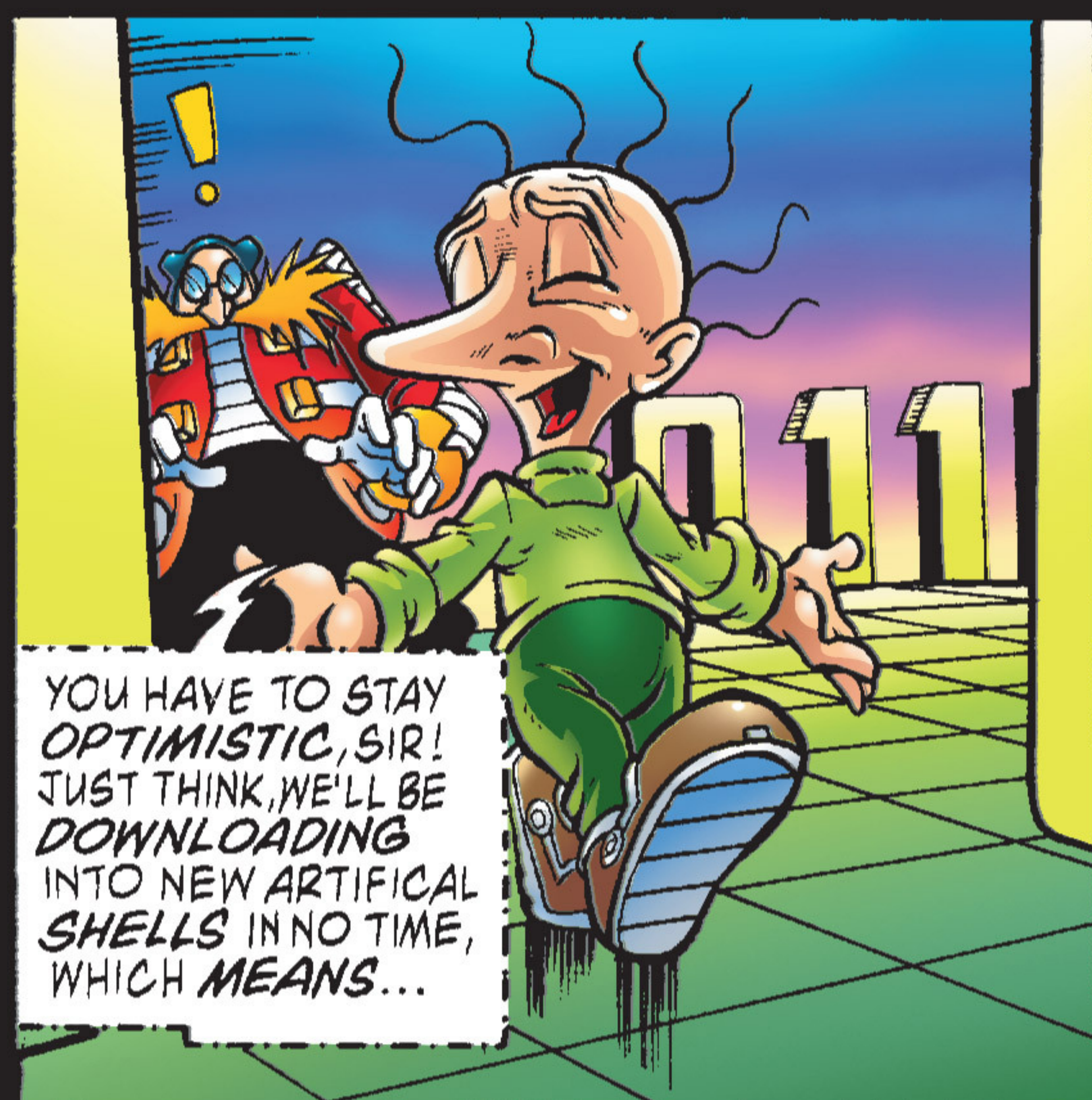
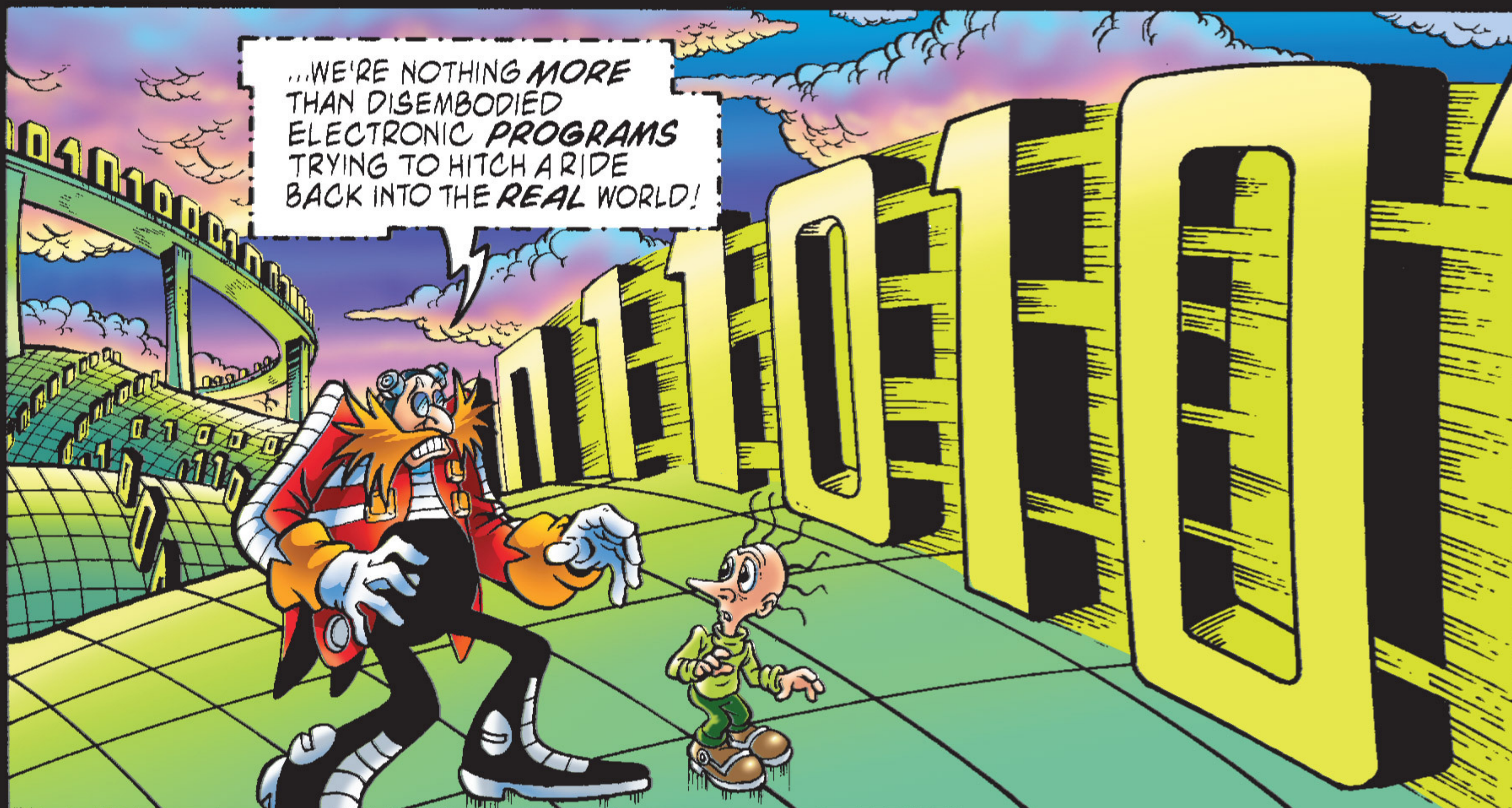
HURRY, SIR,
OR WE'LL MISS
OUR RIDE!

I'M RUNNING
AS FAST AS I CAN,
SNIVELY!

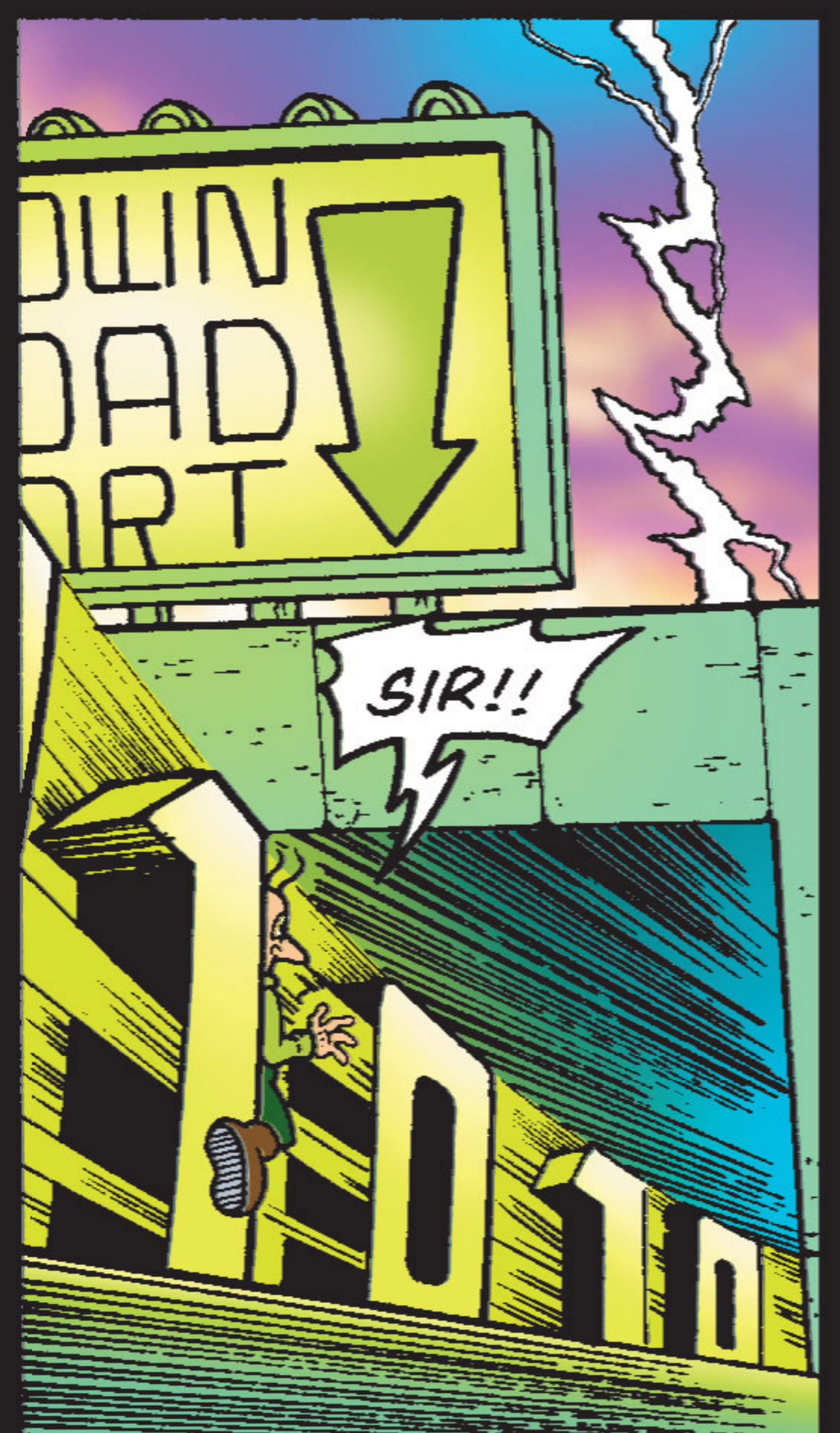
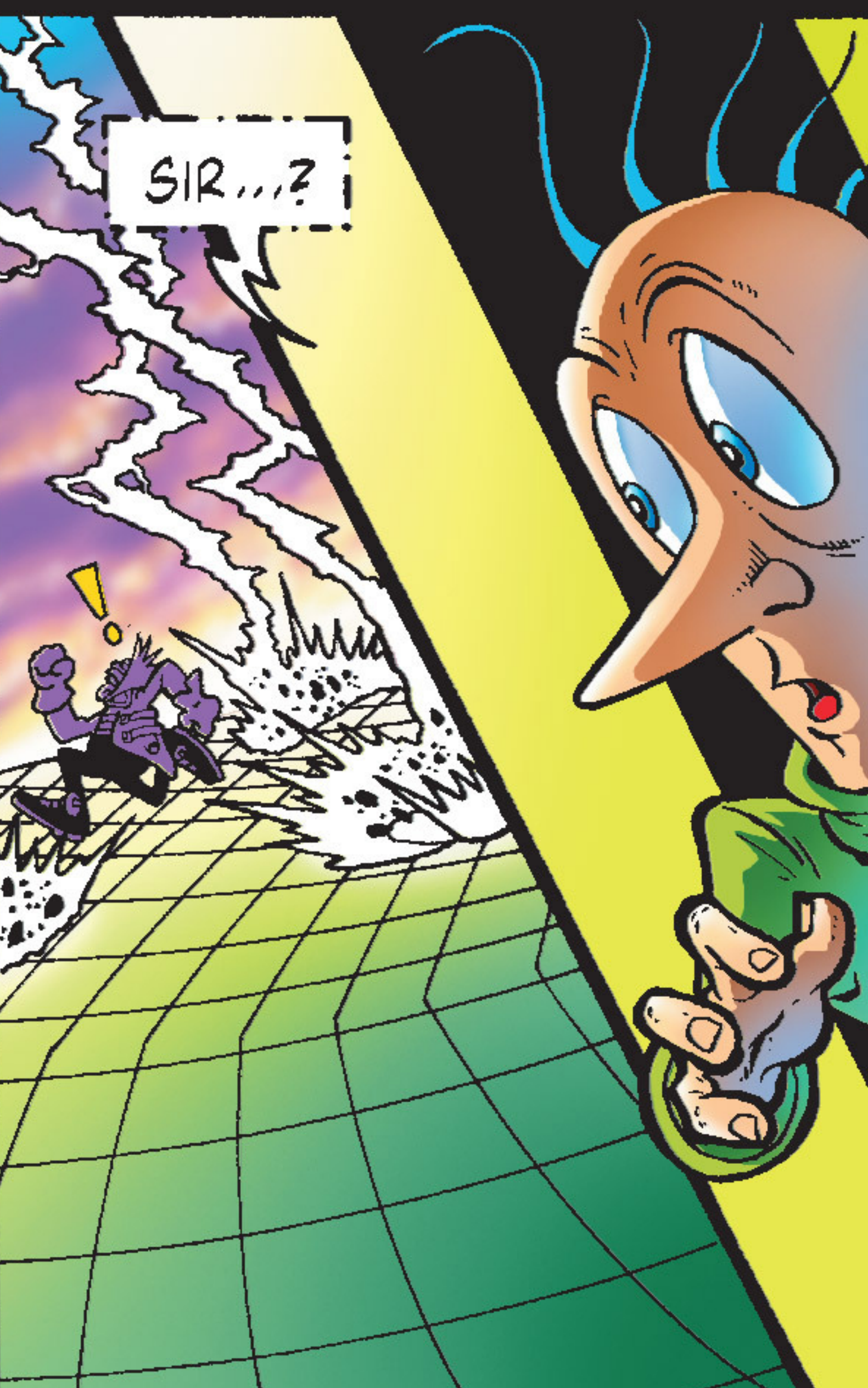
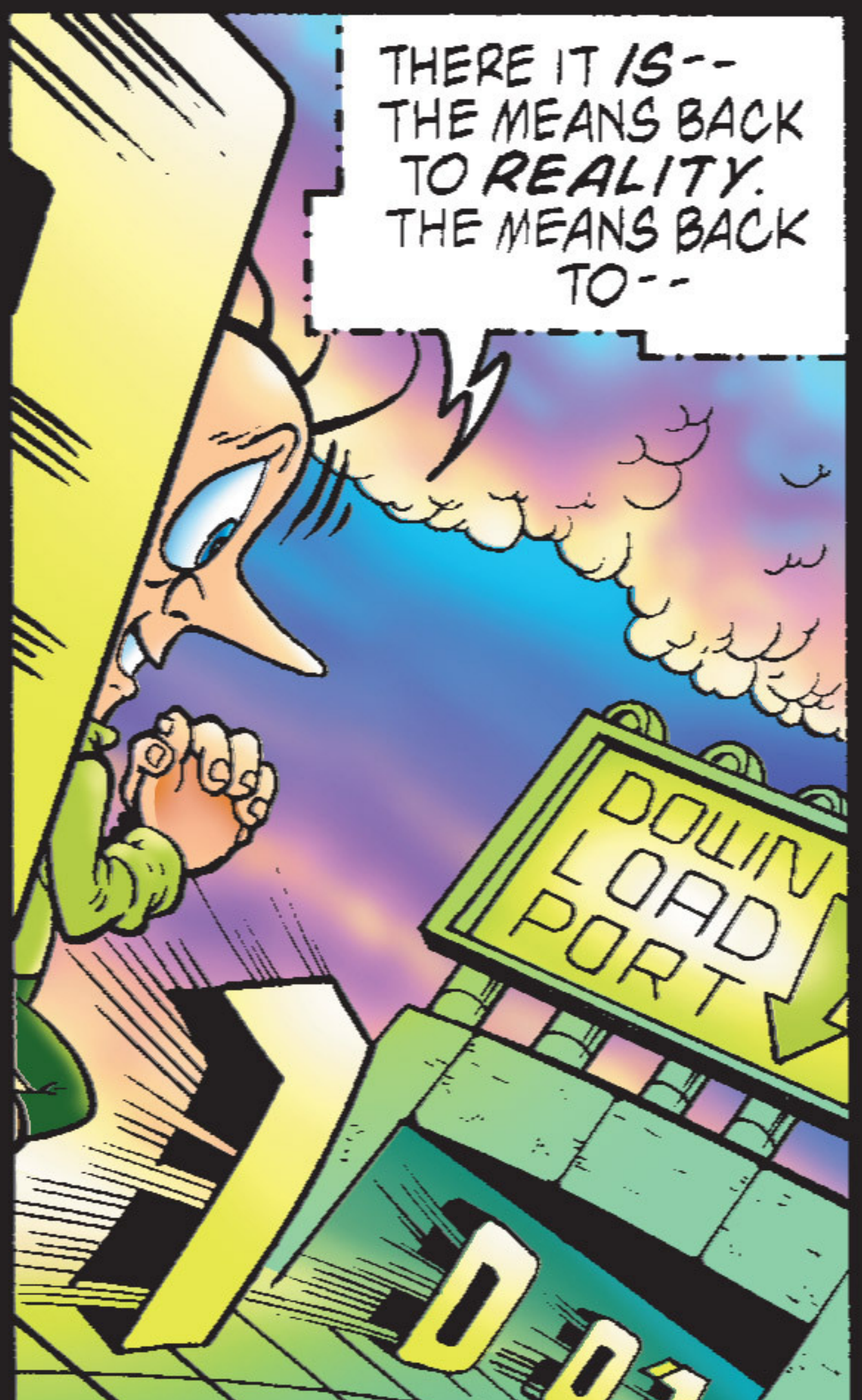
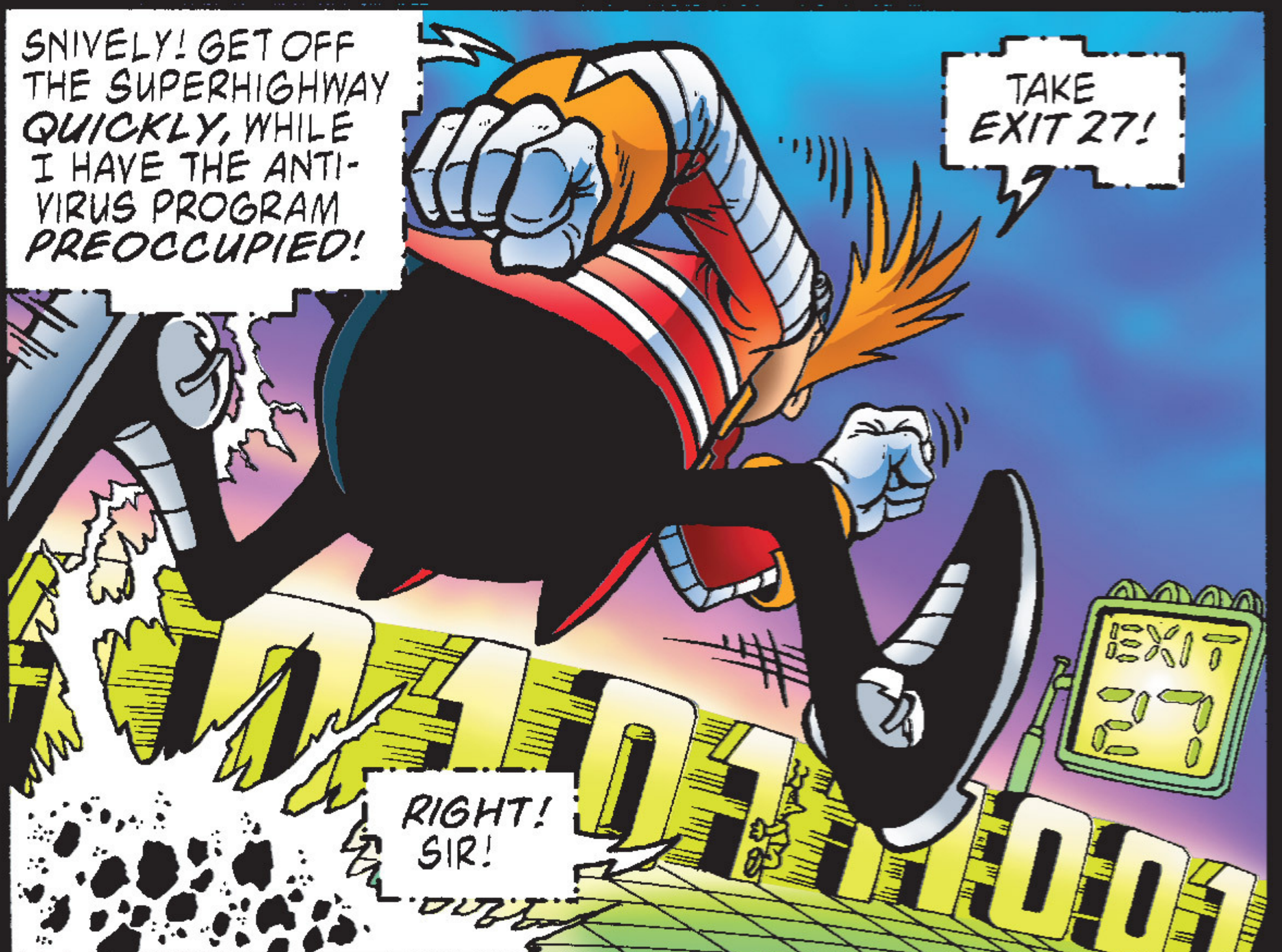
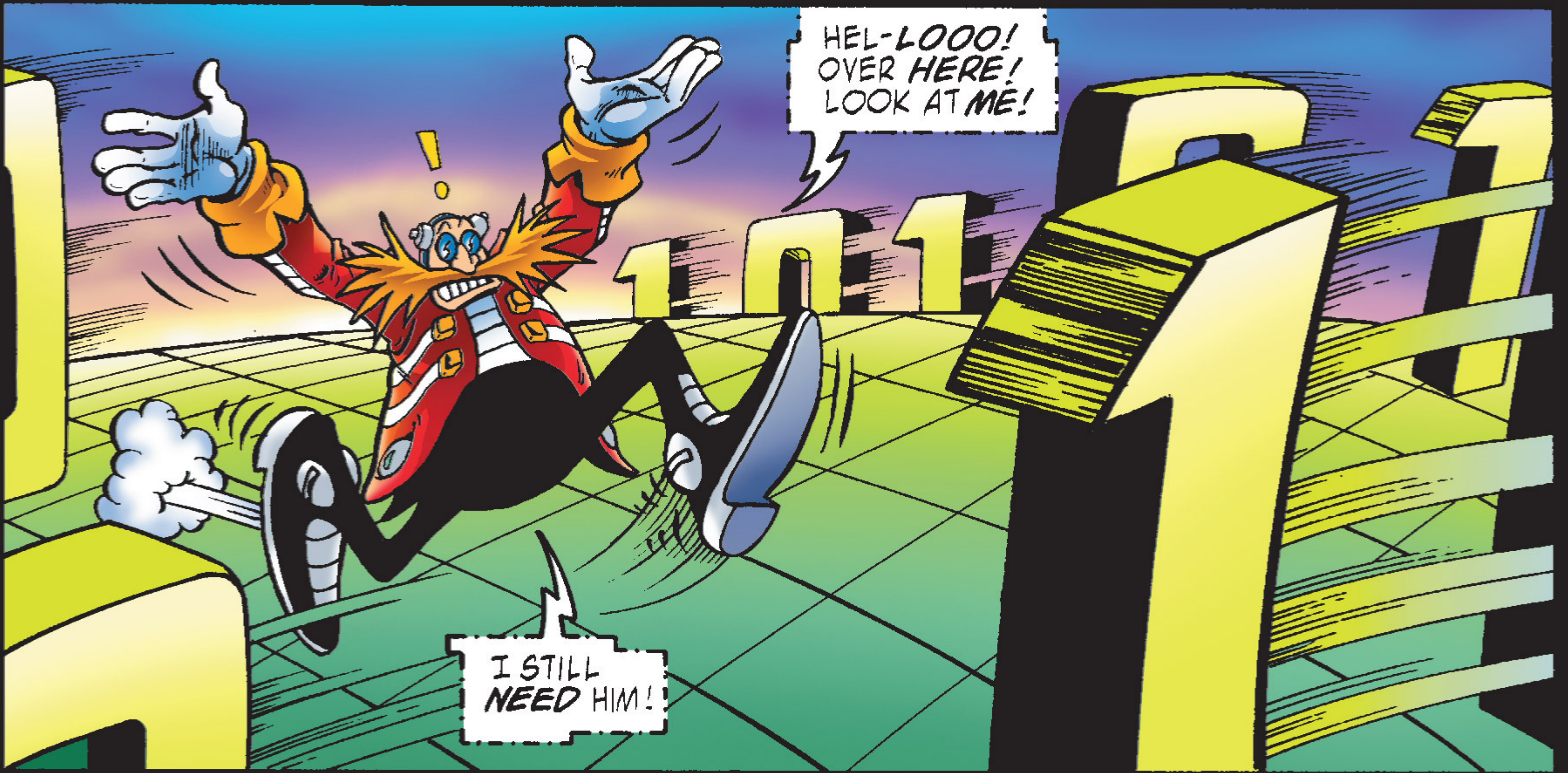
DO YOU THINK I
LIKE BEING STRANDED
HERE IN CYBERSPACE?

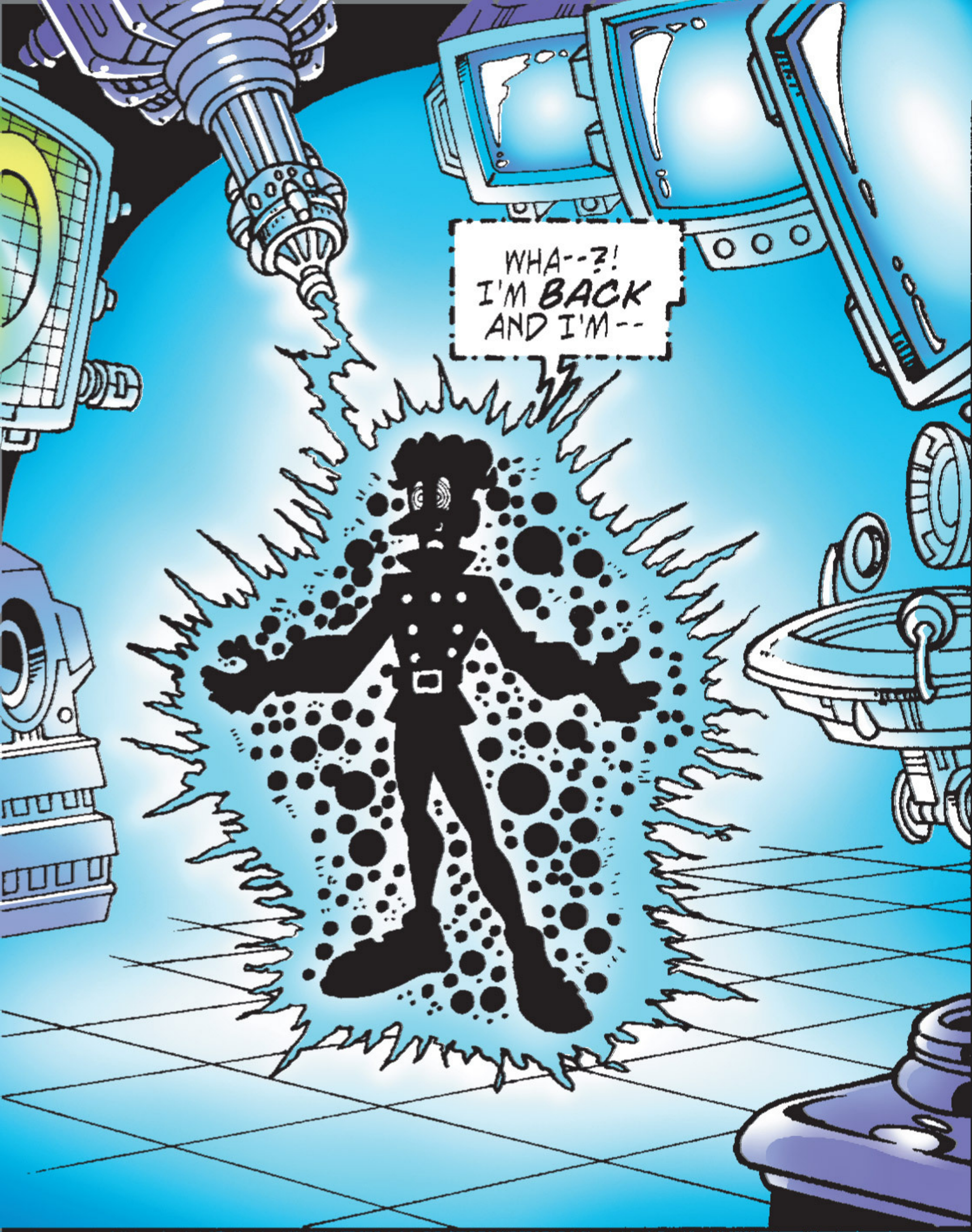
"EVER SINCE
OUR ROBOTIC
BODIES WERE
DESTROYED
ALONG WITH OL'
ROBOTROPOLIS..."

*Inish # 110.

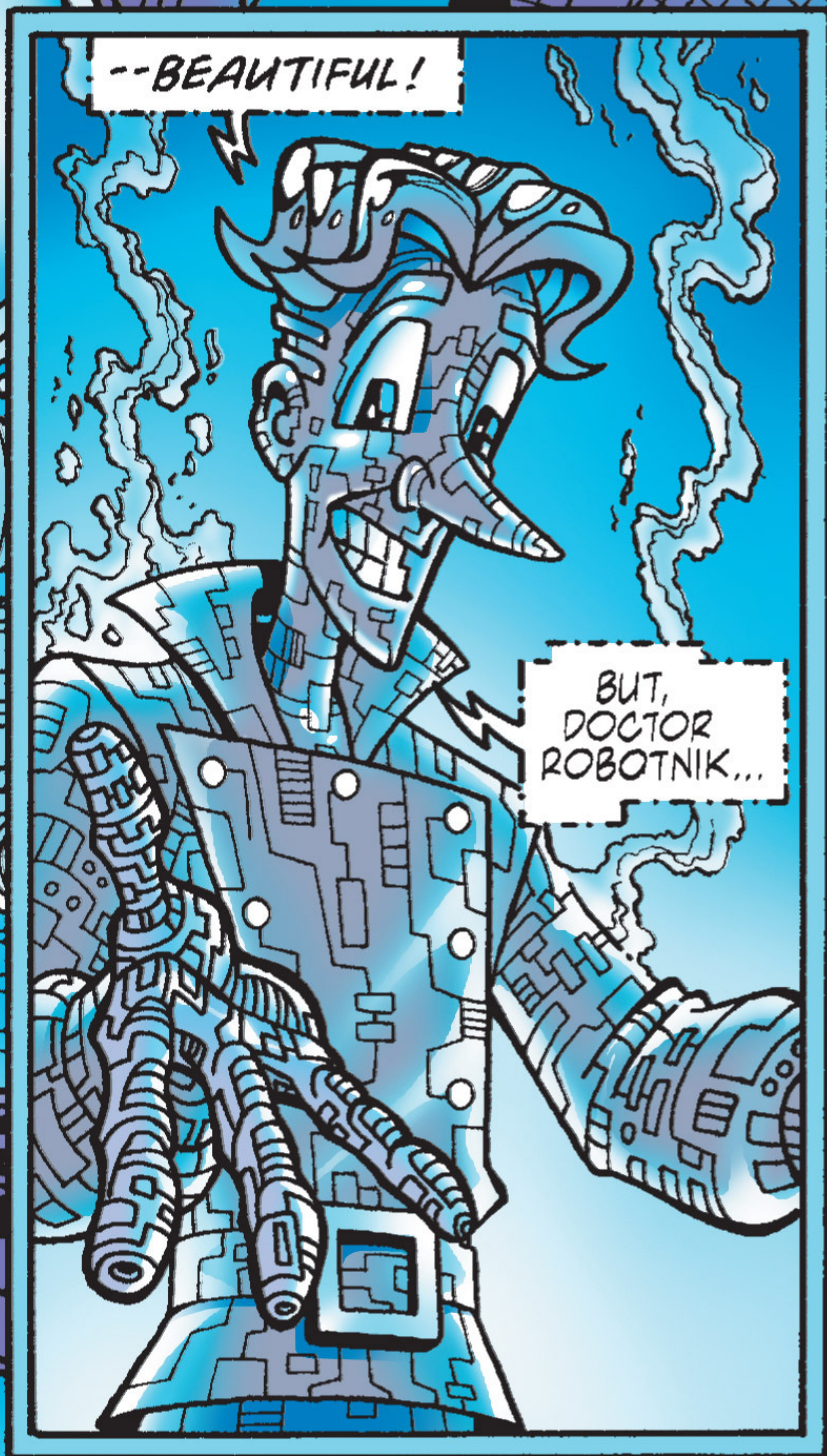


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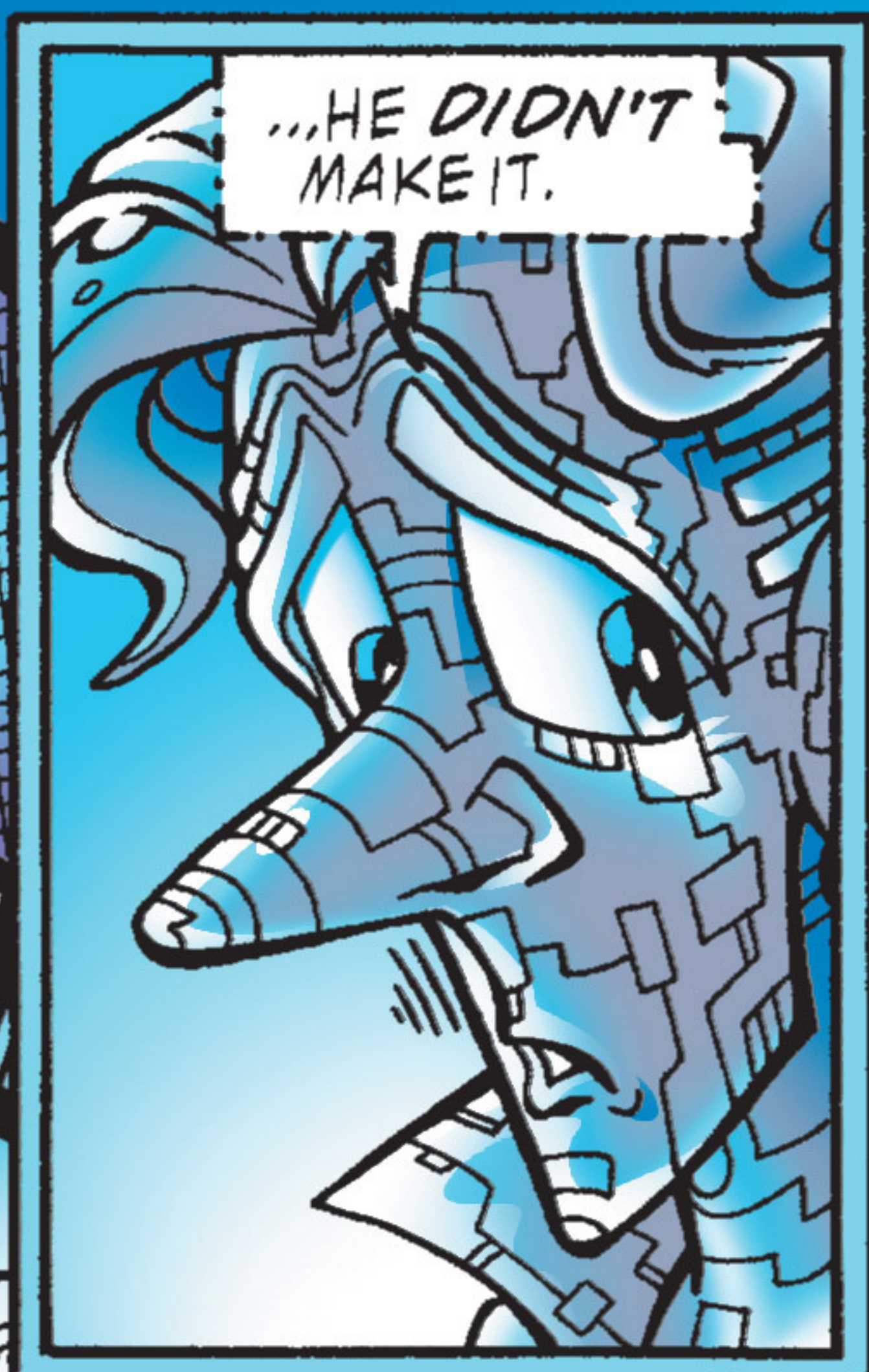


WHA--?!
I'M **BACK**
AND I'M--

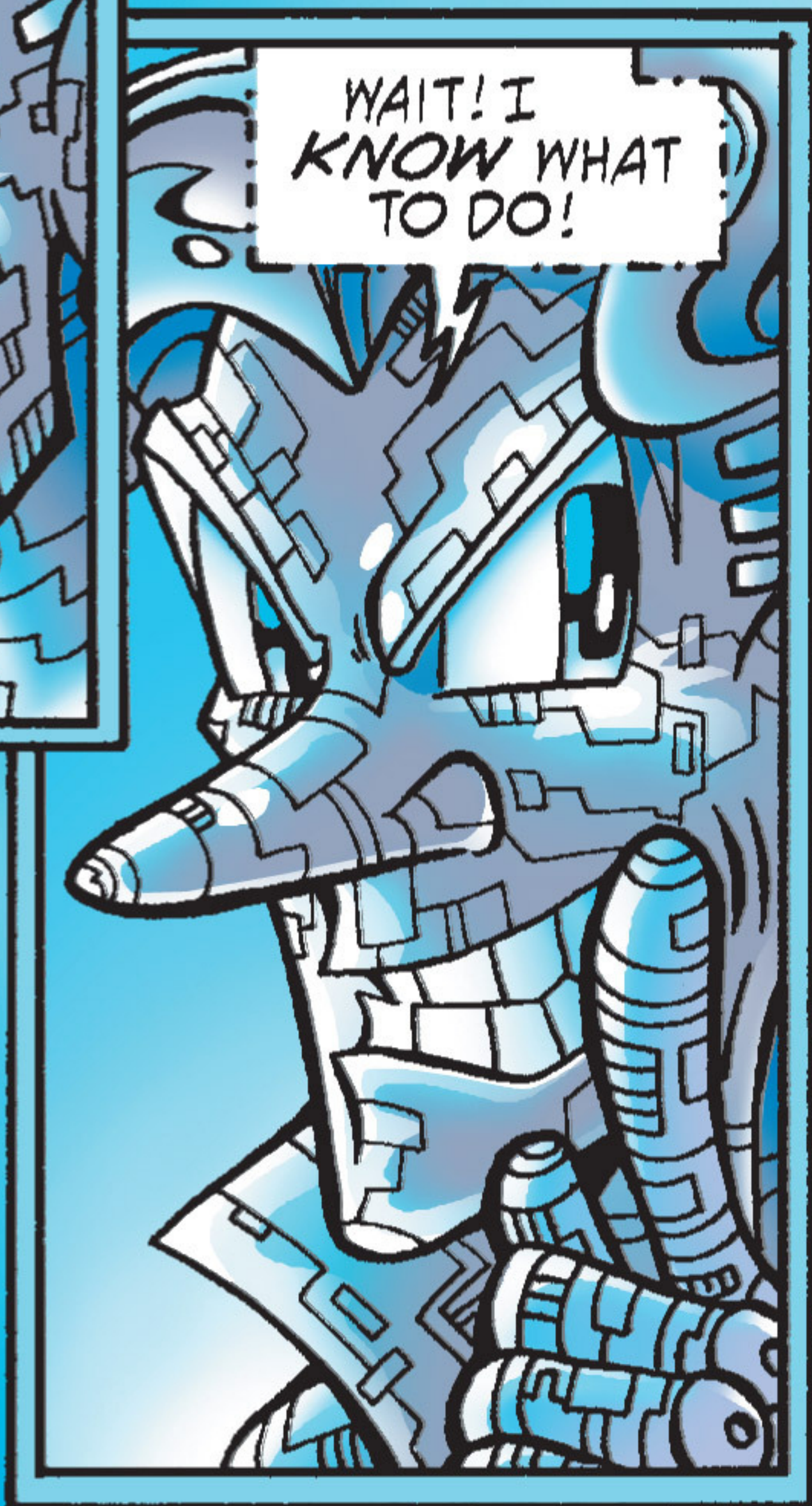


--**BEAUTIFUL!**

BUT,
DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK...

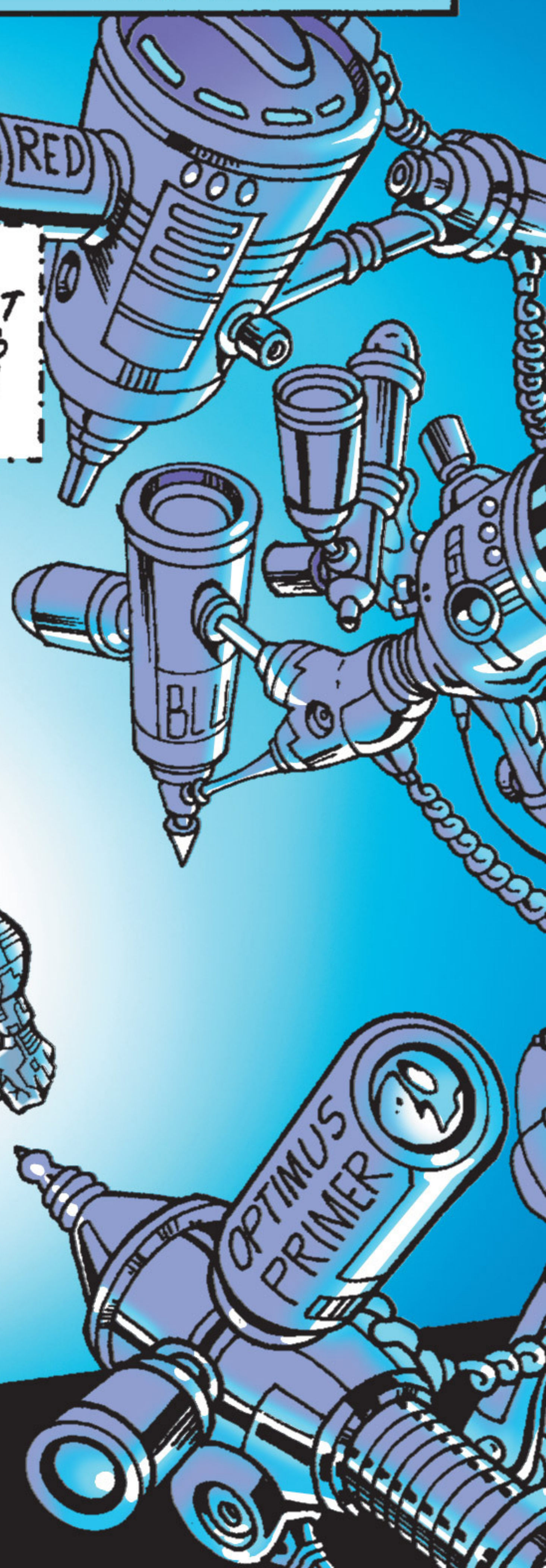
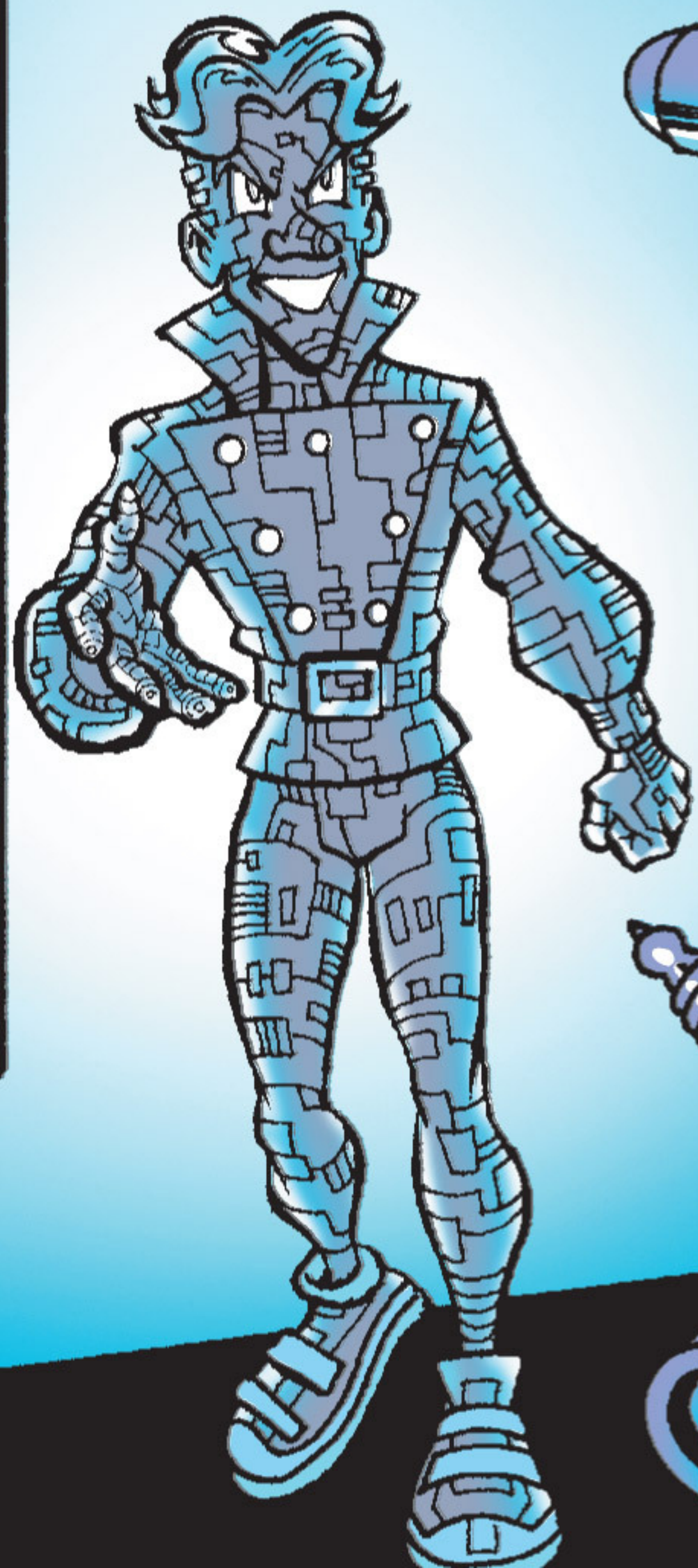


...HE DIDN'T
MAKE IT.

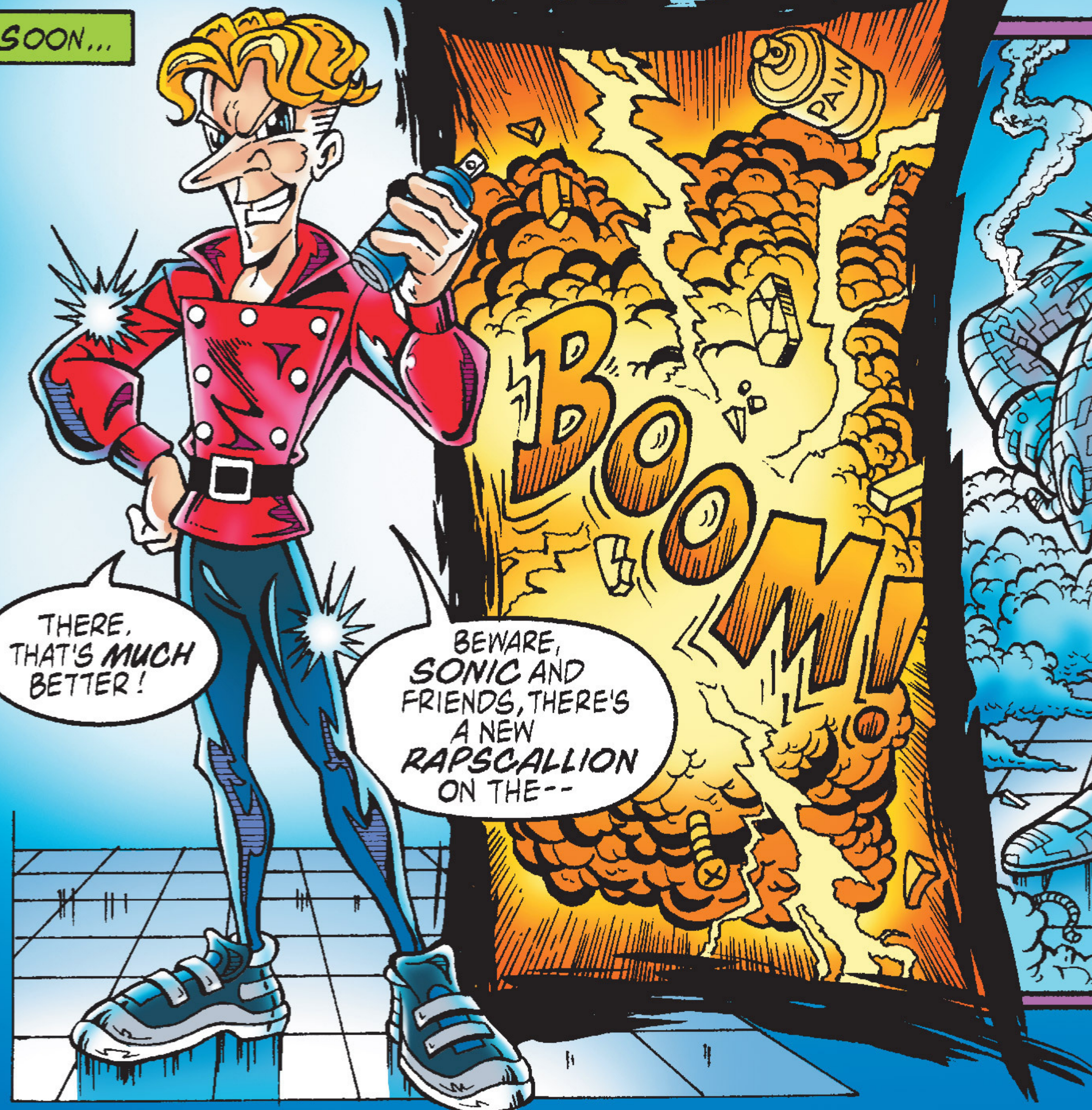


WAIT! I
KNOW WHAT
TO DO!

I'LL GIVE MYSELF
A GREAT NEW **PAINT**
JOB TO GO ALONG
WITH MY GREAT NEW
BODY!



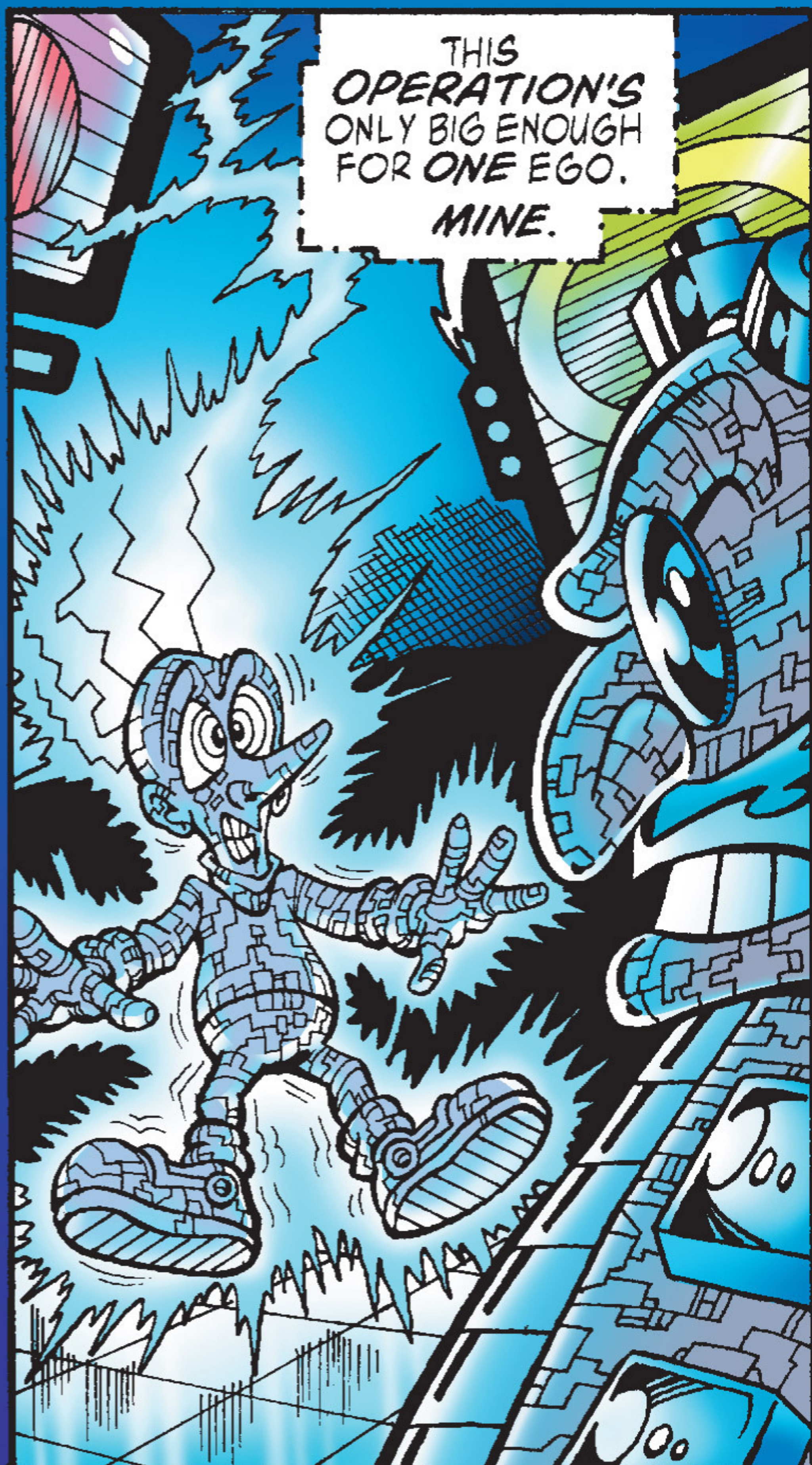
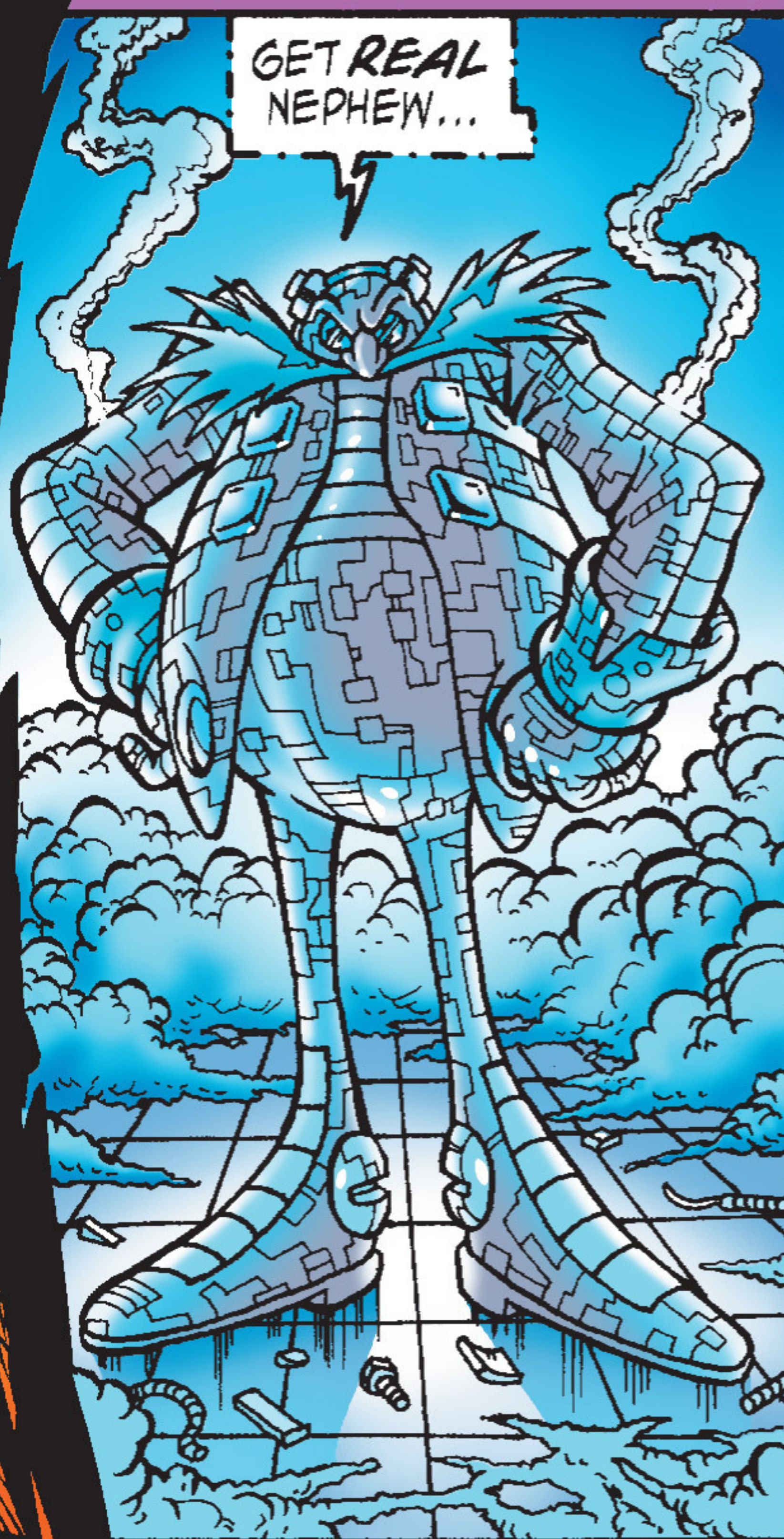
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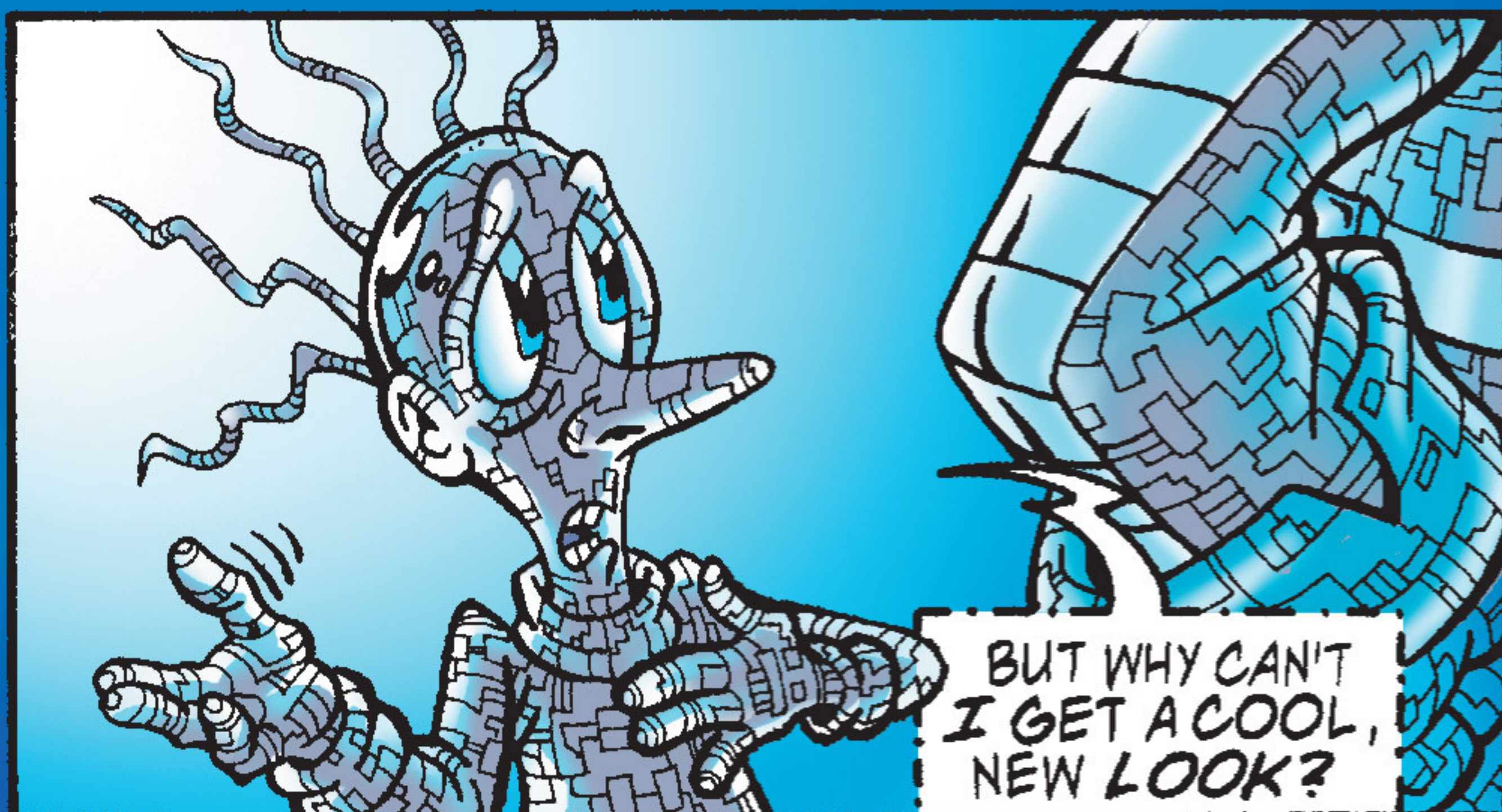
THERE,
THAT'S MUCH
BETTER!

BEWARE,
SONIC AND
FRIENDS, THERE'S
A NEW
RAPSCALLION
ON THE--

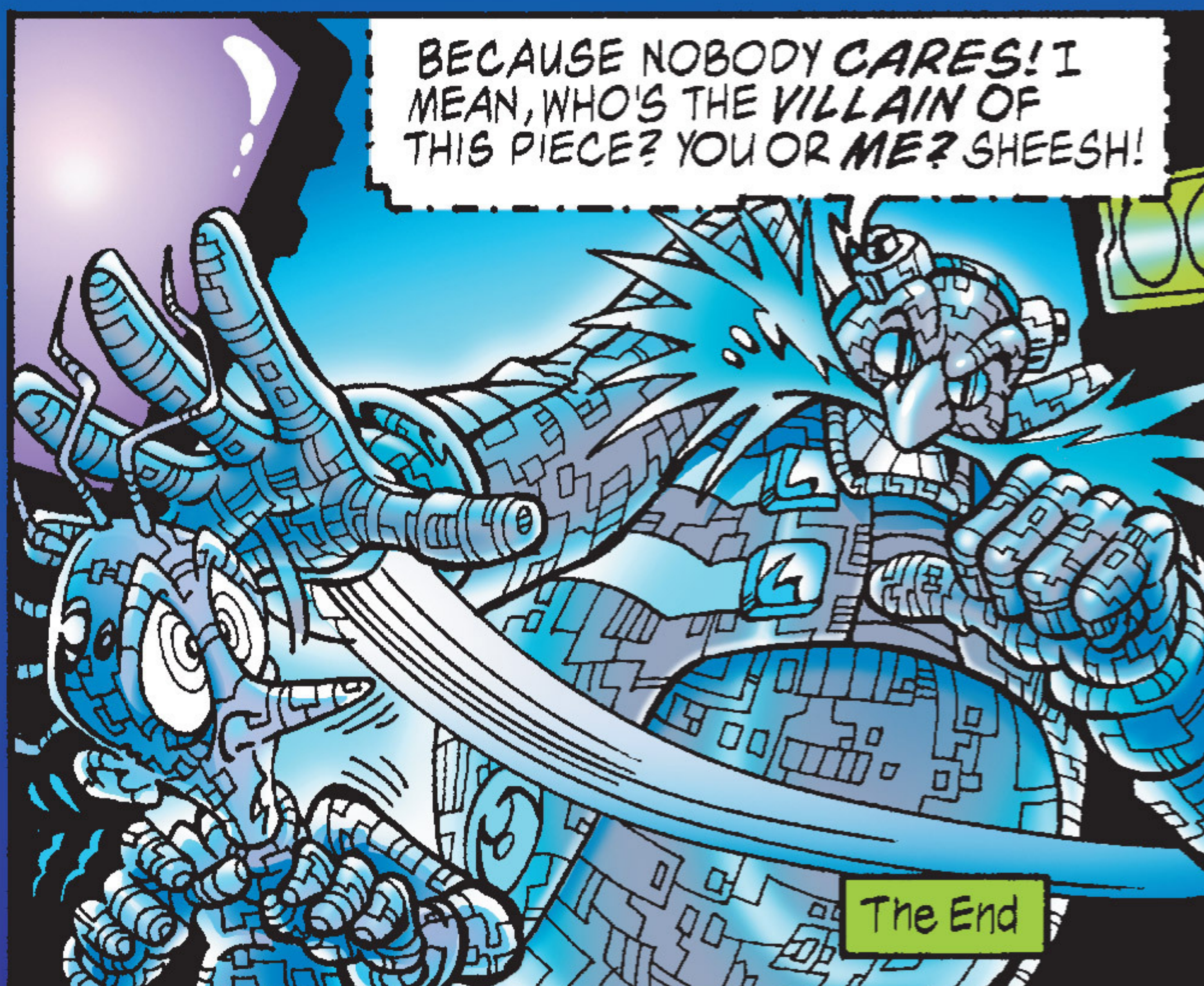
GET REAL
NEPHEW...



THIS
OPERATION'S
ONLY BIG ENOUGH
FOR ONE EGO.
MINE.

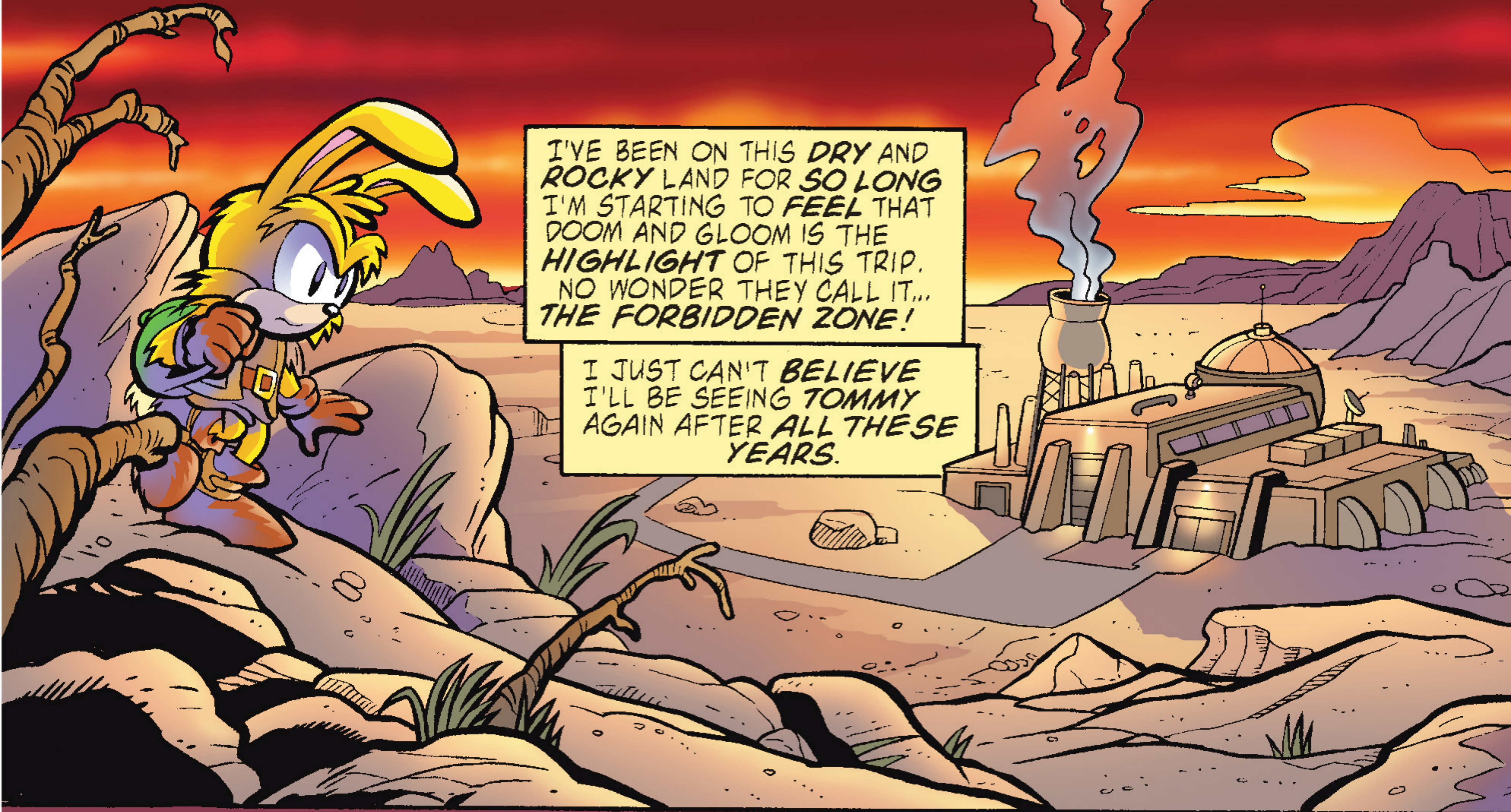


BUT WHY CAN'T
I GET A COOL,
NEW LOOK?



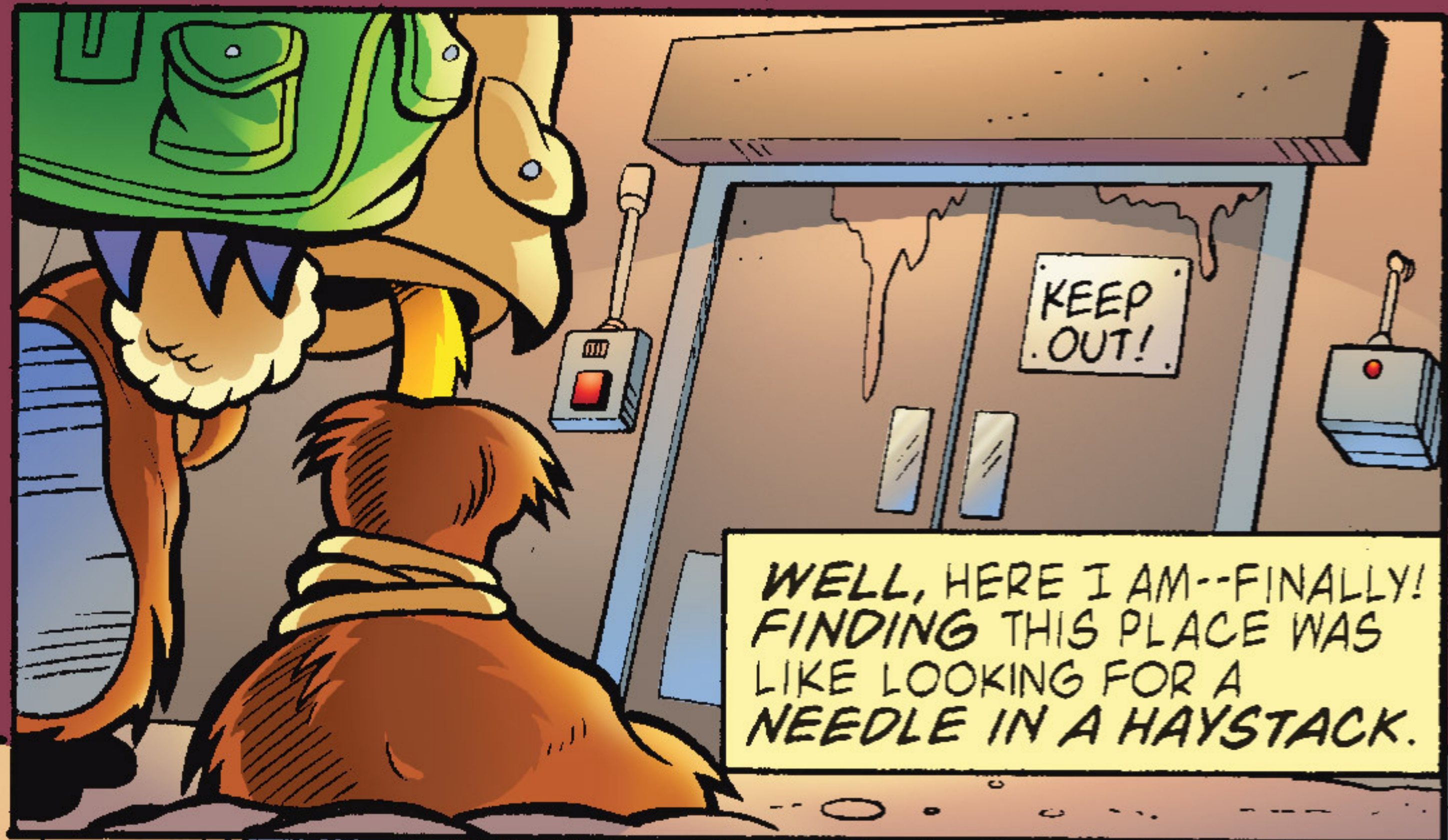
BECAUSE NOBODY CARES! I
MEAN, WHO'S THE VILLAIN OF
THIS PIECE? YOU OR ME? SHEESH!

The End

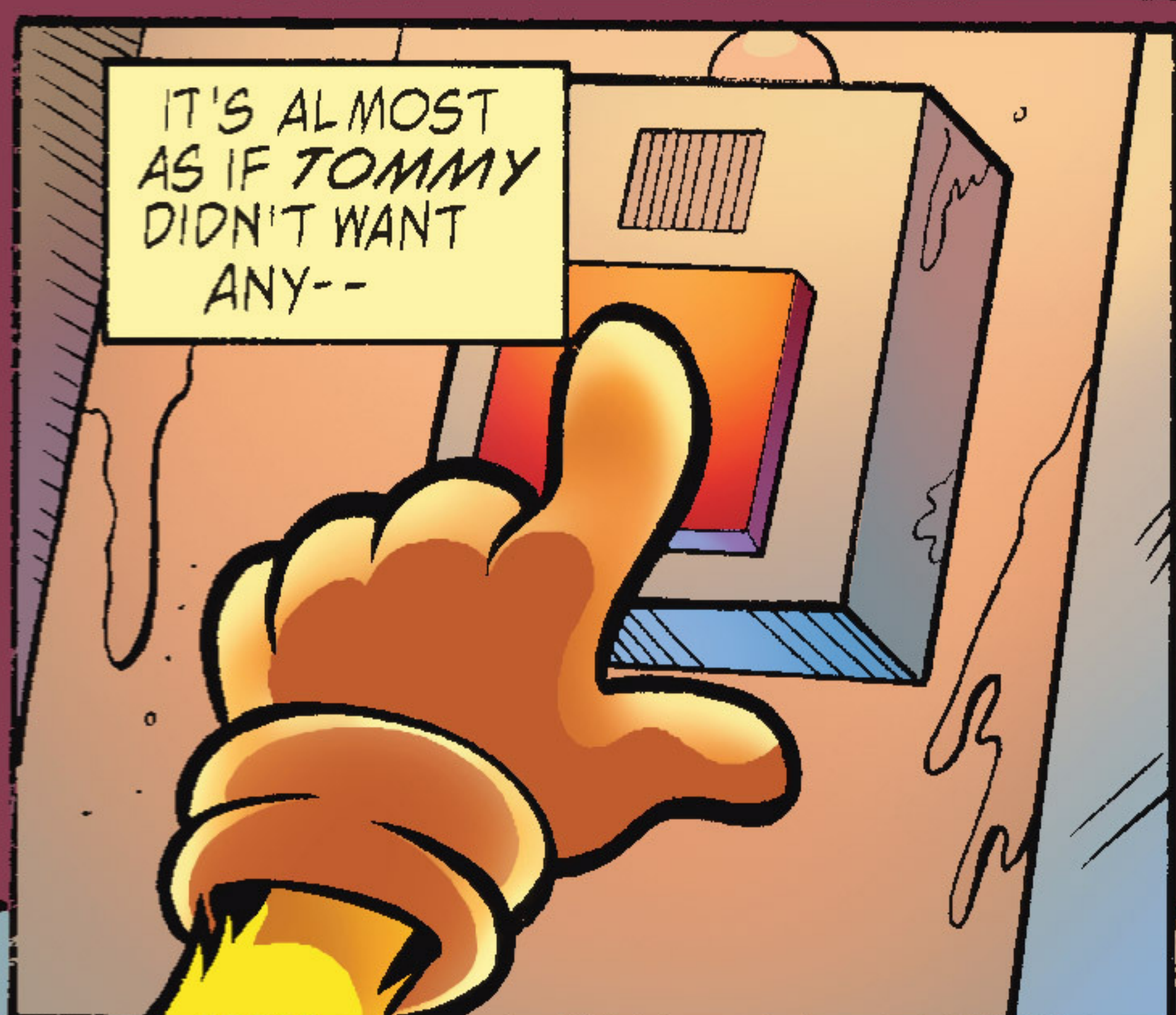


I'VE BEEN ON THIS DRY AND ROCKY LAND FOR SO LONG I'M STARTING TO FEEL THAT DOOM AND GLOOM IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS TRIP. NO WONDER THEY CALL IT... THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE I'LL BE SEEING TOMMY AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.



WELL, HERE I AM--FINALLY! FINDING THIS PLACE WAS LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.



IT'S ALMOST AS IF TOMMY DIDN'T WANT ANY--



--VISITORS?! YIKES, IT'S--

THAT DIRTY DAWG GUY

FLYING FROG

SGT. SIMIAN

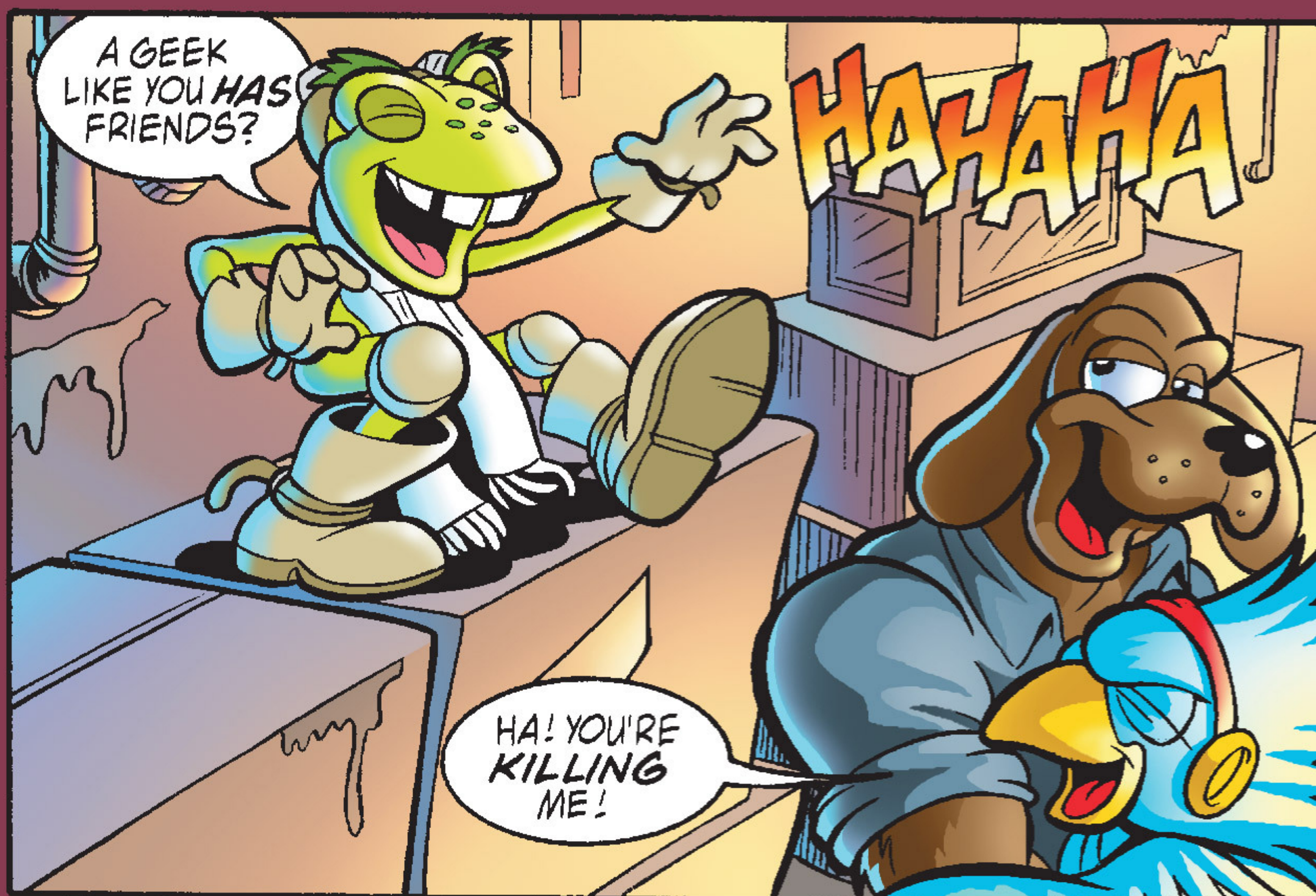
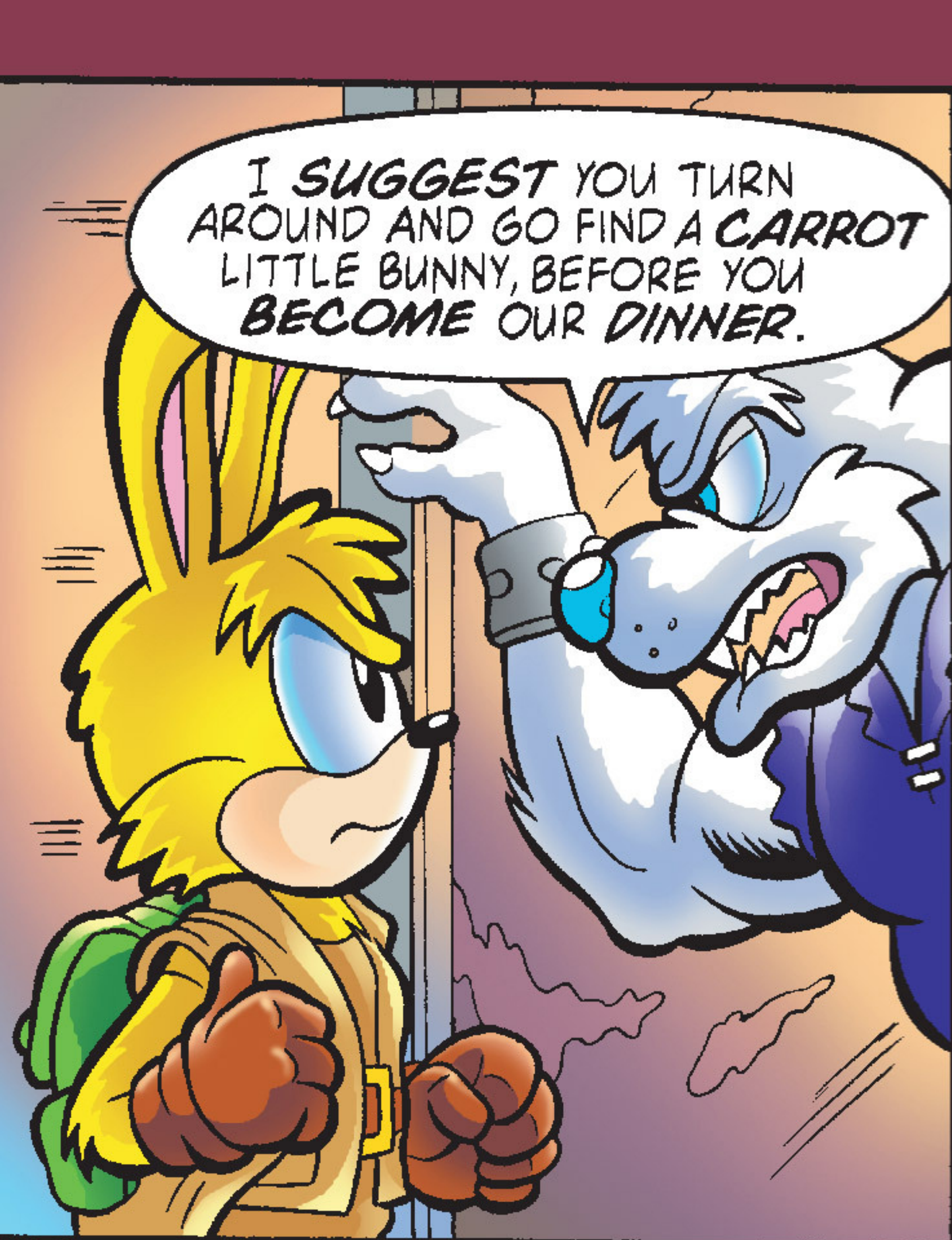
PREDATOR HAWK

LIGHTNING LYNX

...AND THAT NO GOOD DRAGO THE WOLF.

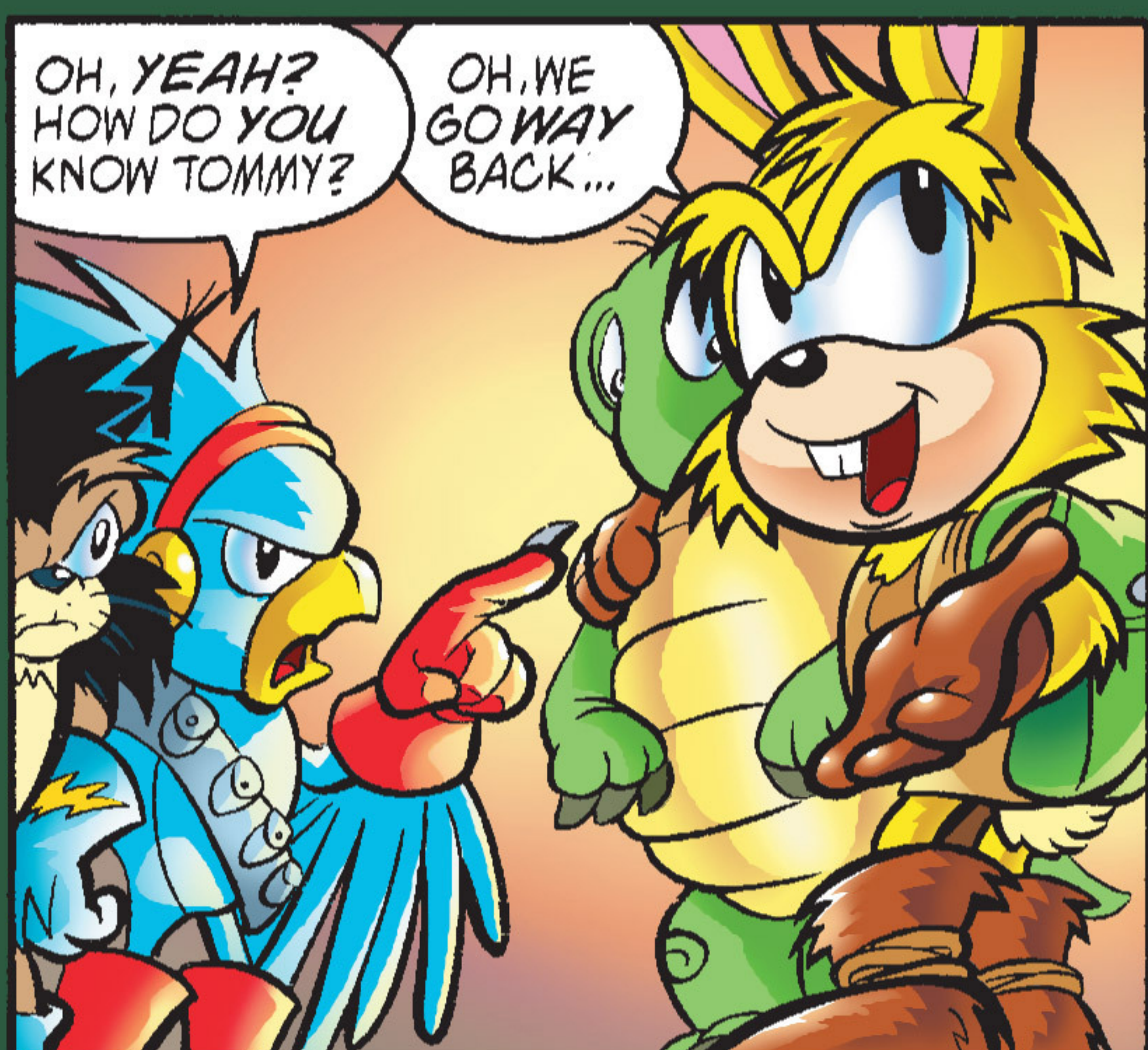
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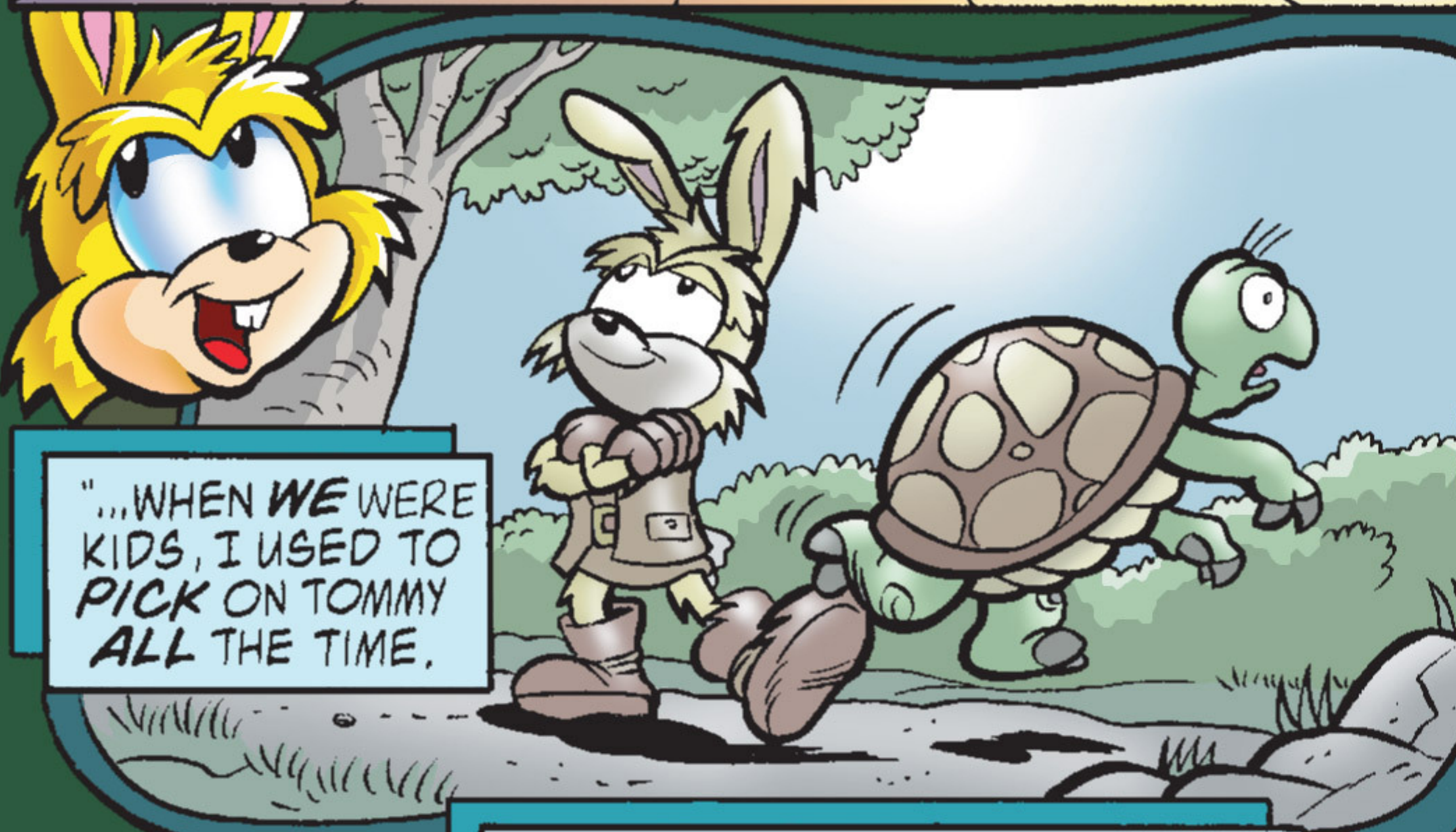


AND YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELVES LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE **TOMMY TURTLE**.
I DO.



OH, YEAH? HOW DO YOU KNOW TOMMY?

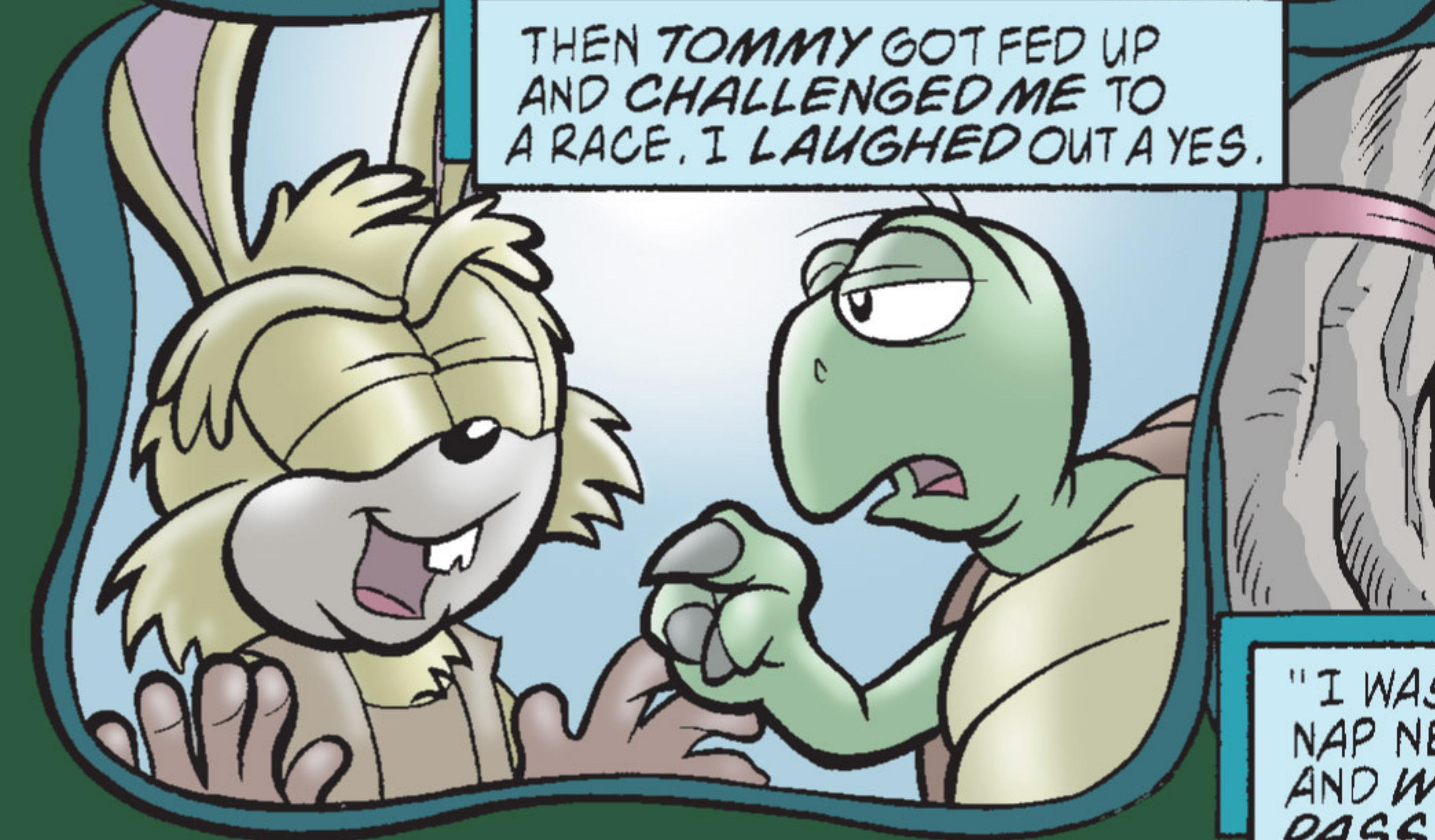
OH, WE GO WAY BACK...



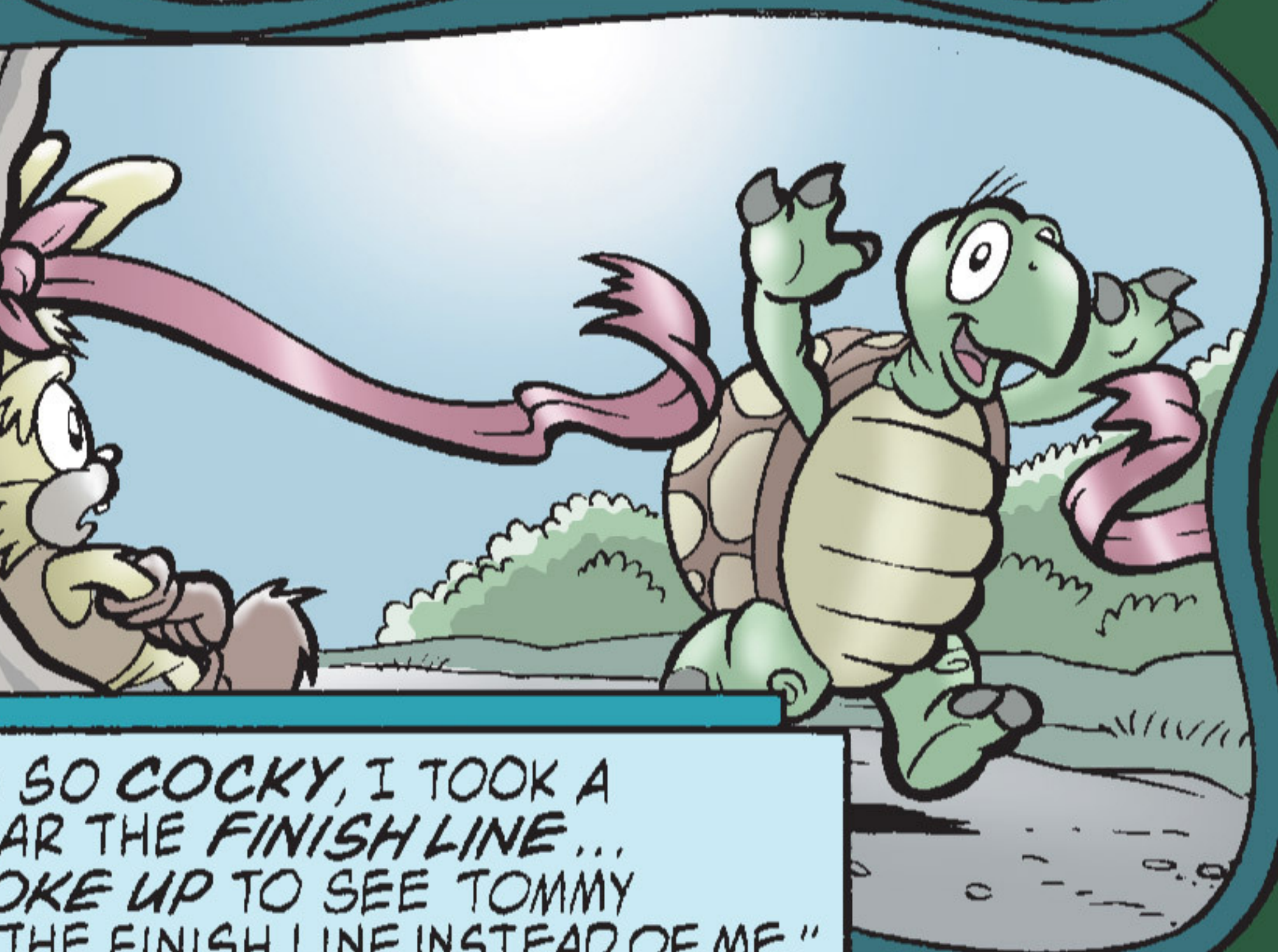
"...WHEN **WE** WERE KIDS, I USED TO PICK ON TOMMY ALL THE TIME.



"I WAS SO FAST AND TOMMY SO SLOW... I THOUGHT **WE** WERE NOTHING ALIKE.



THEN **TOMMY** GOT FED UP AND CHALLENGED ME TO A RACE. I LAUGHED OUT A YES.

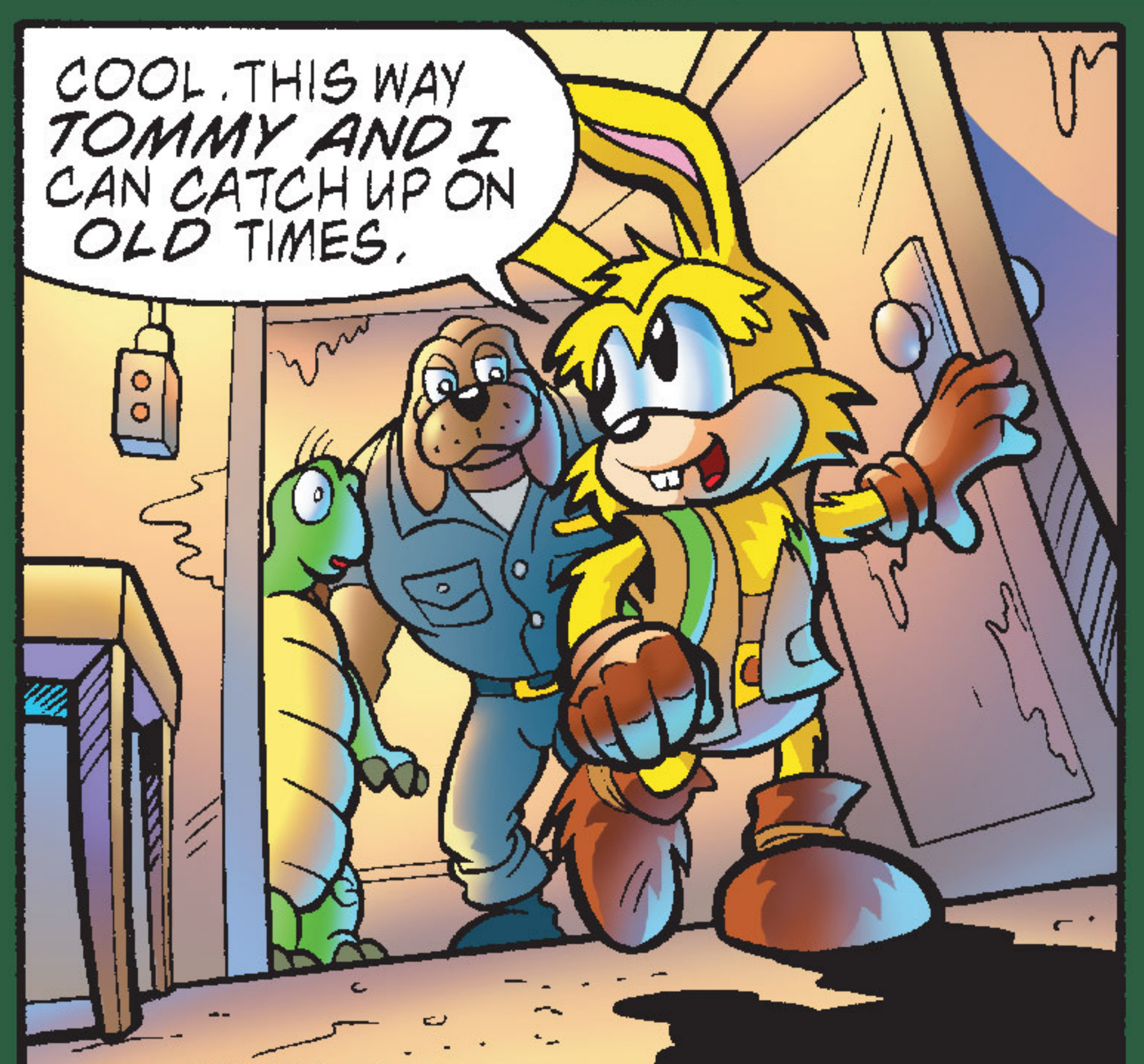


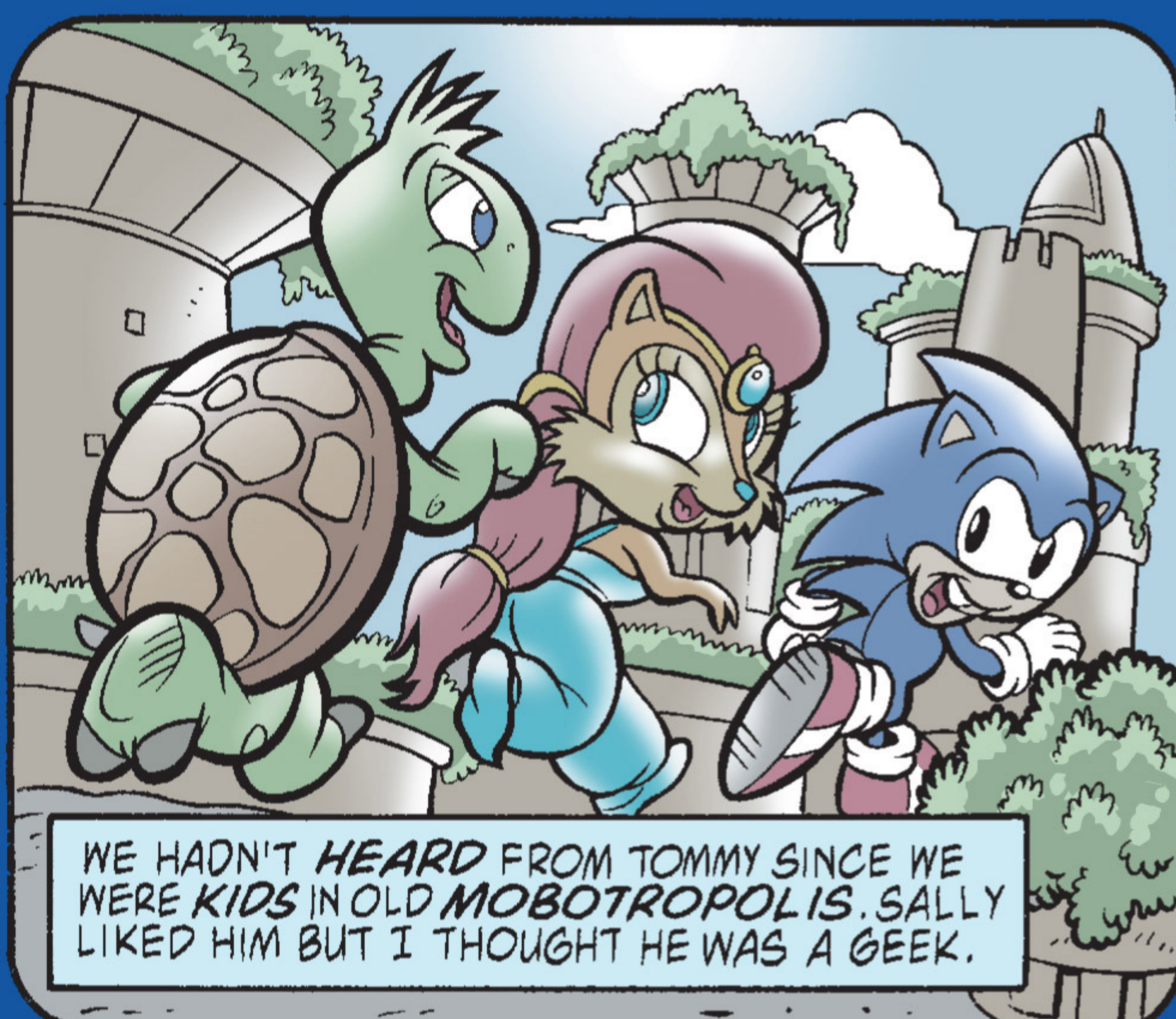
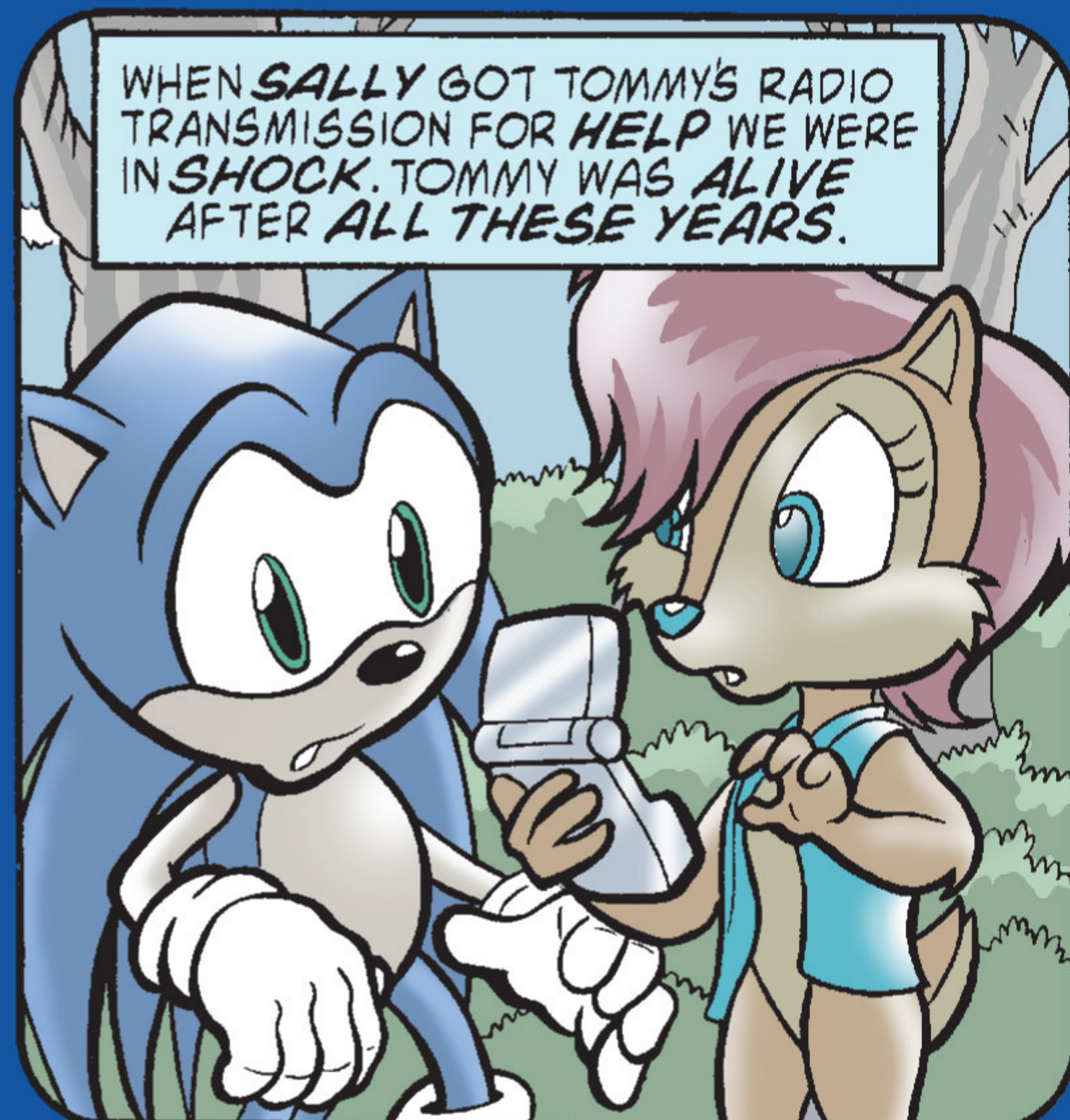
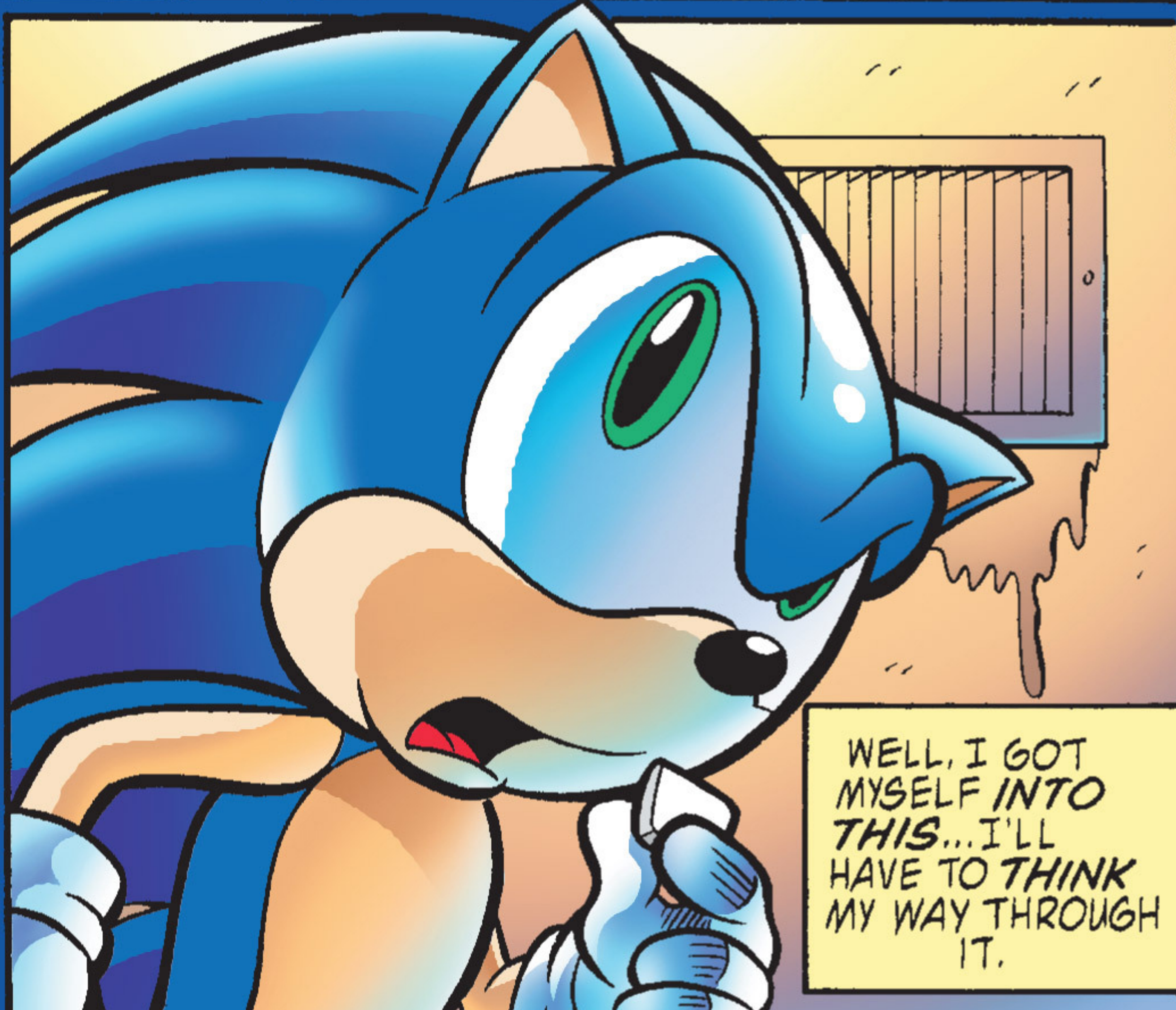
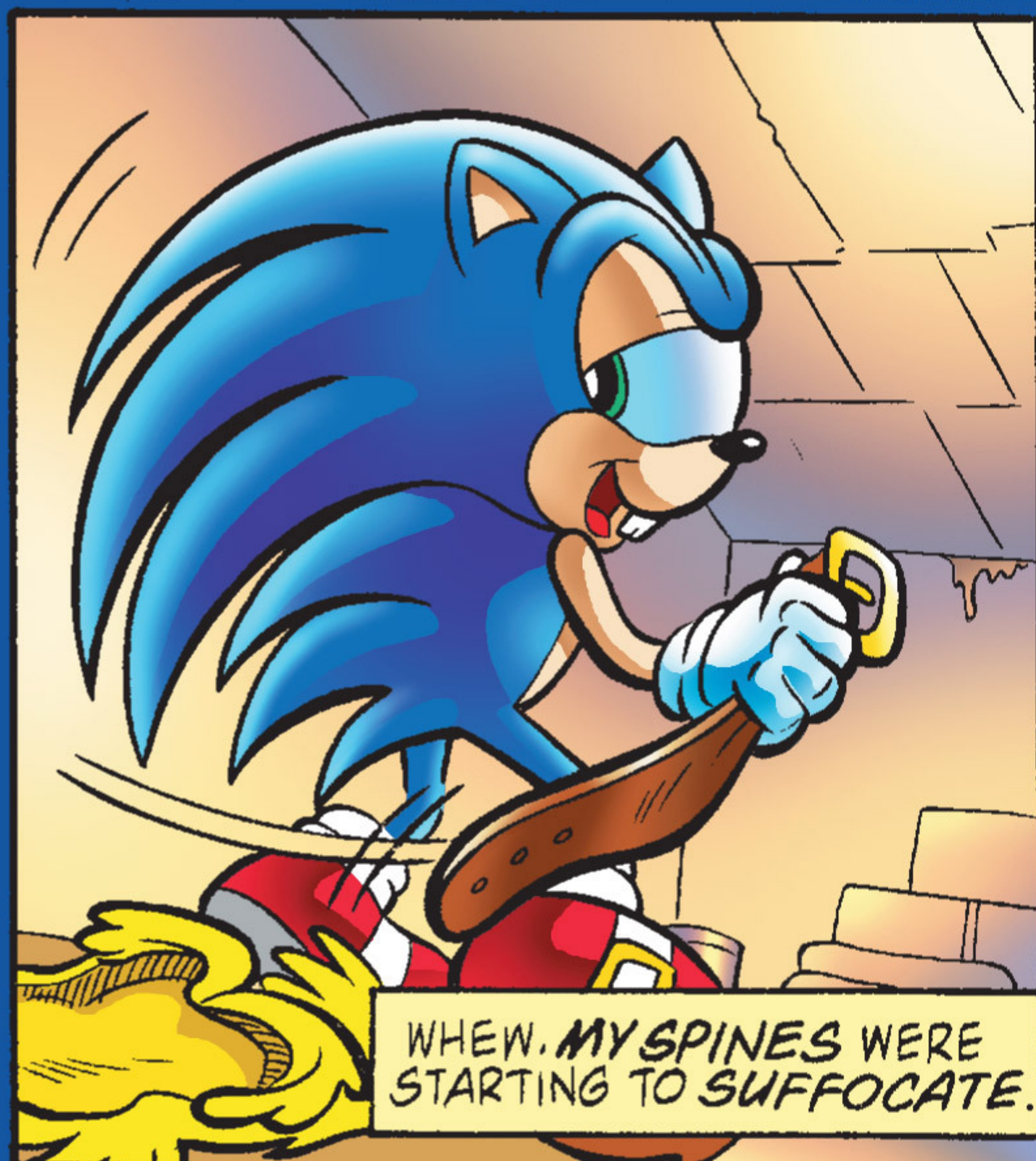
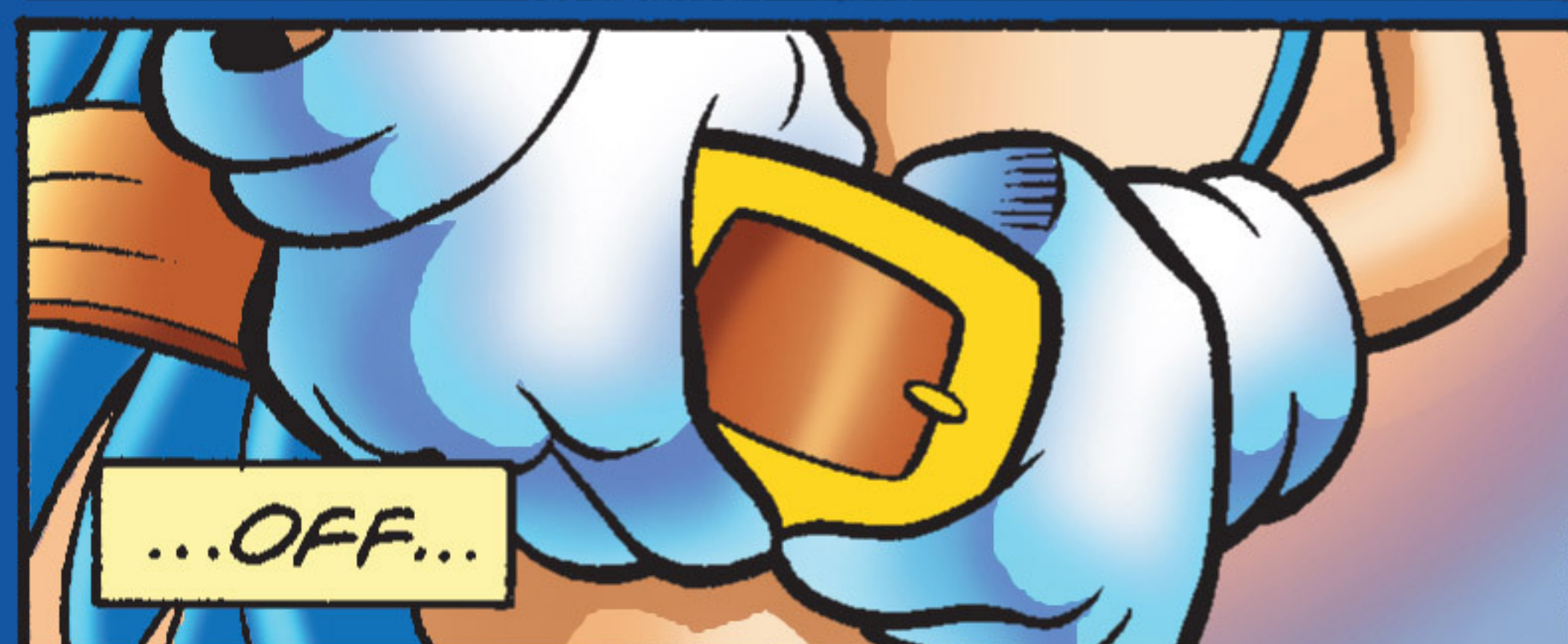
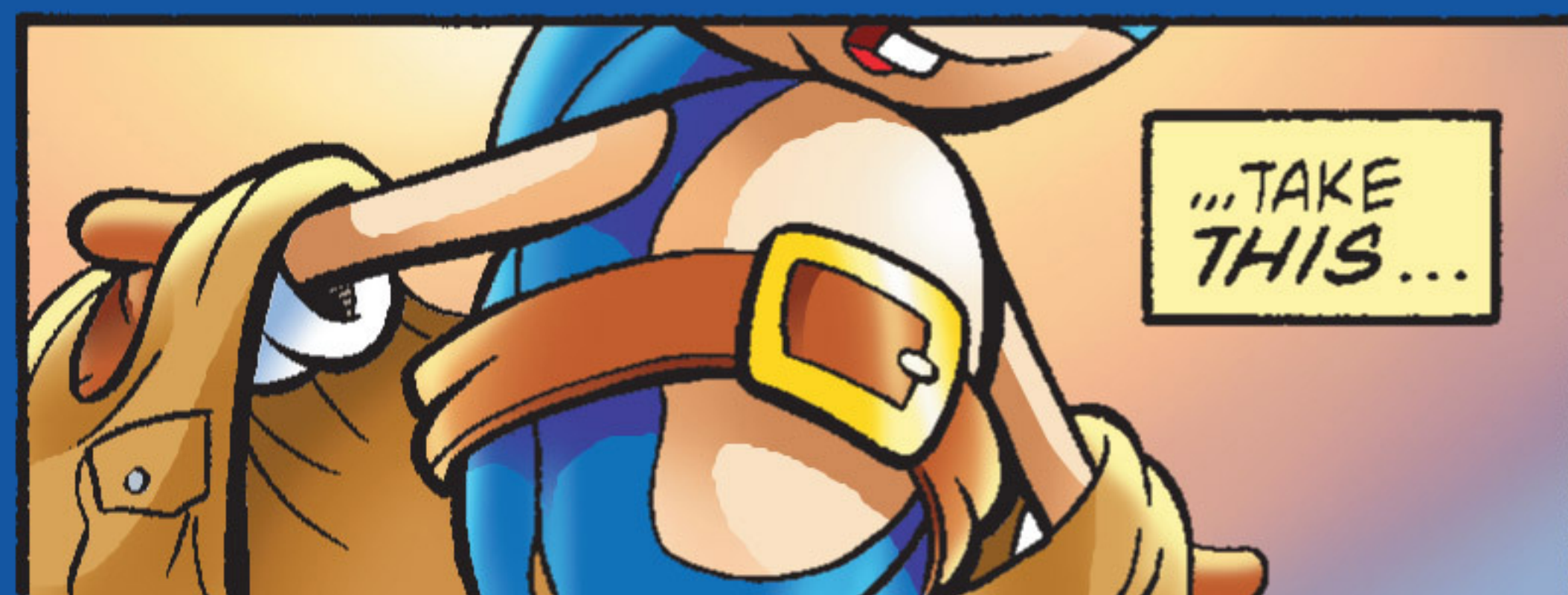
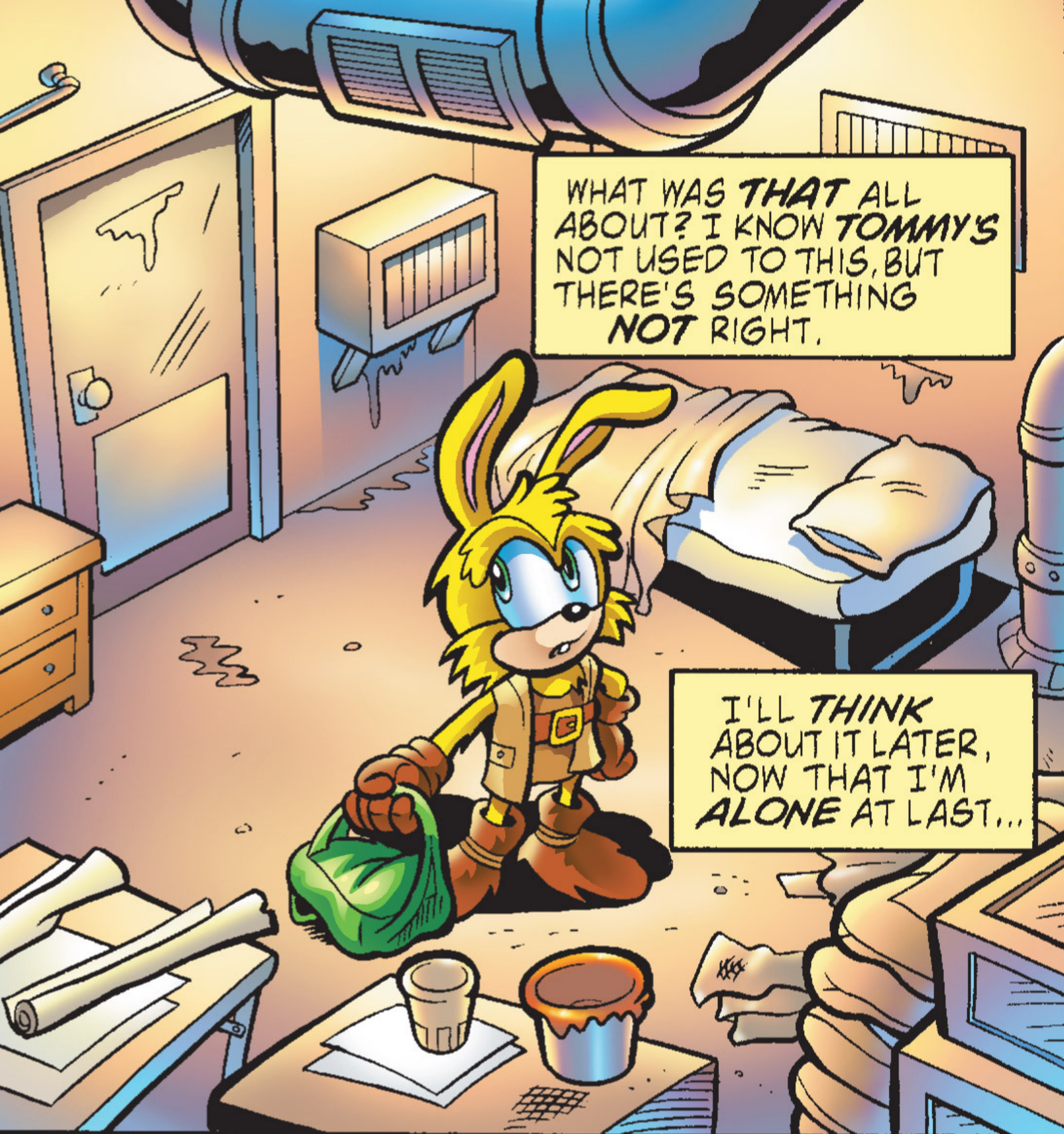
"I WAS SO **COCKY**, I TOOK A NAP NEAR THE **FINISH LINE**... AND WOKE UP TO SEE **TOMMY** PASS THE **FINISH LINE** INSTEAD OF ME."

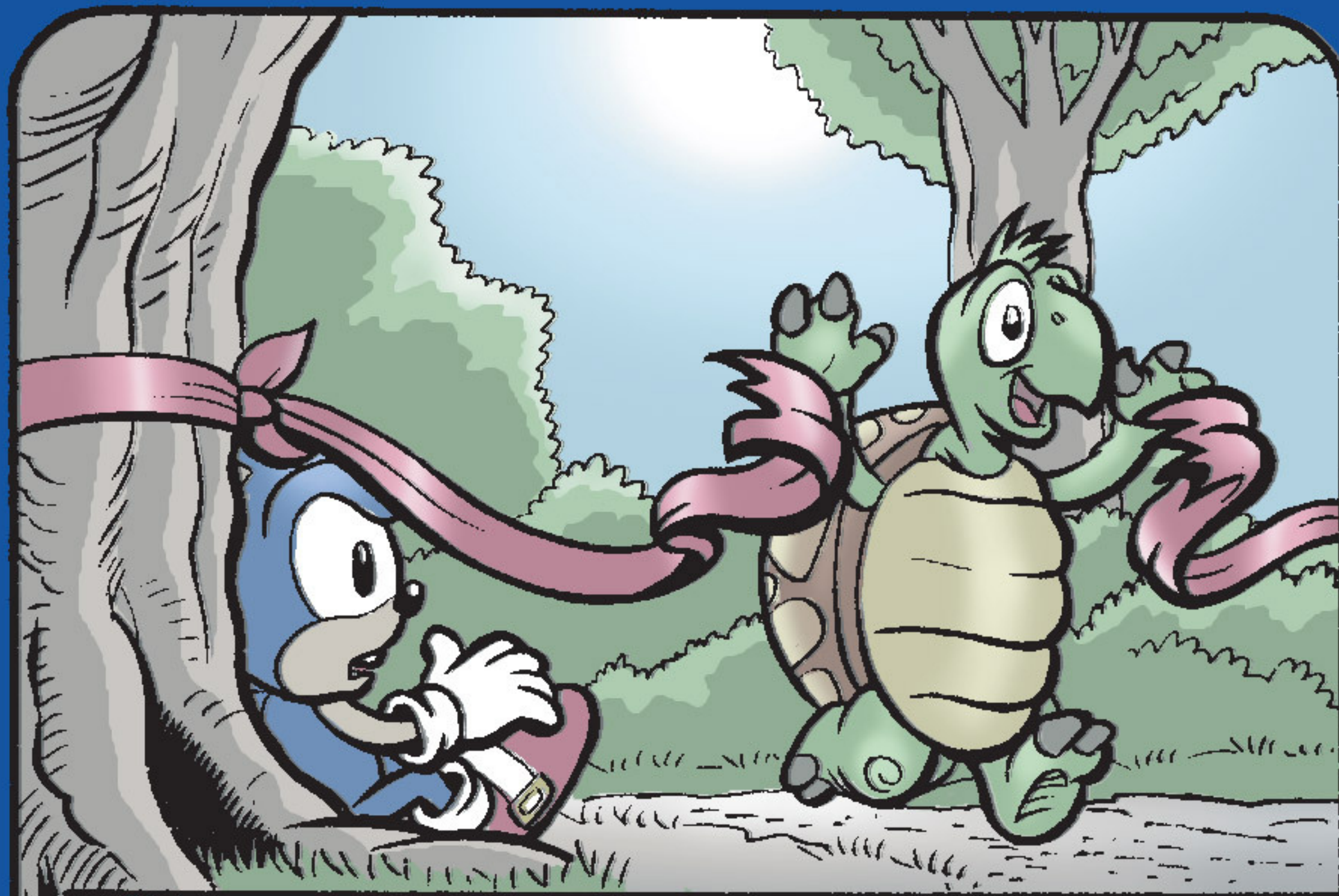


I **RESPECTED** HIM FOR NOT GIVING UP AND REALIZED... THAT **STANDING UP FOR HIMSELF** THAT WAY... THEN **MAYBE** WE WERE **MORE ALIKE** THAN I THOUGHT. WE BECAME **GREAT FRIENDS** EVER SINCE.

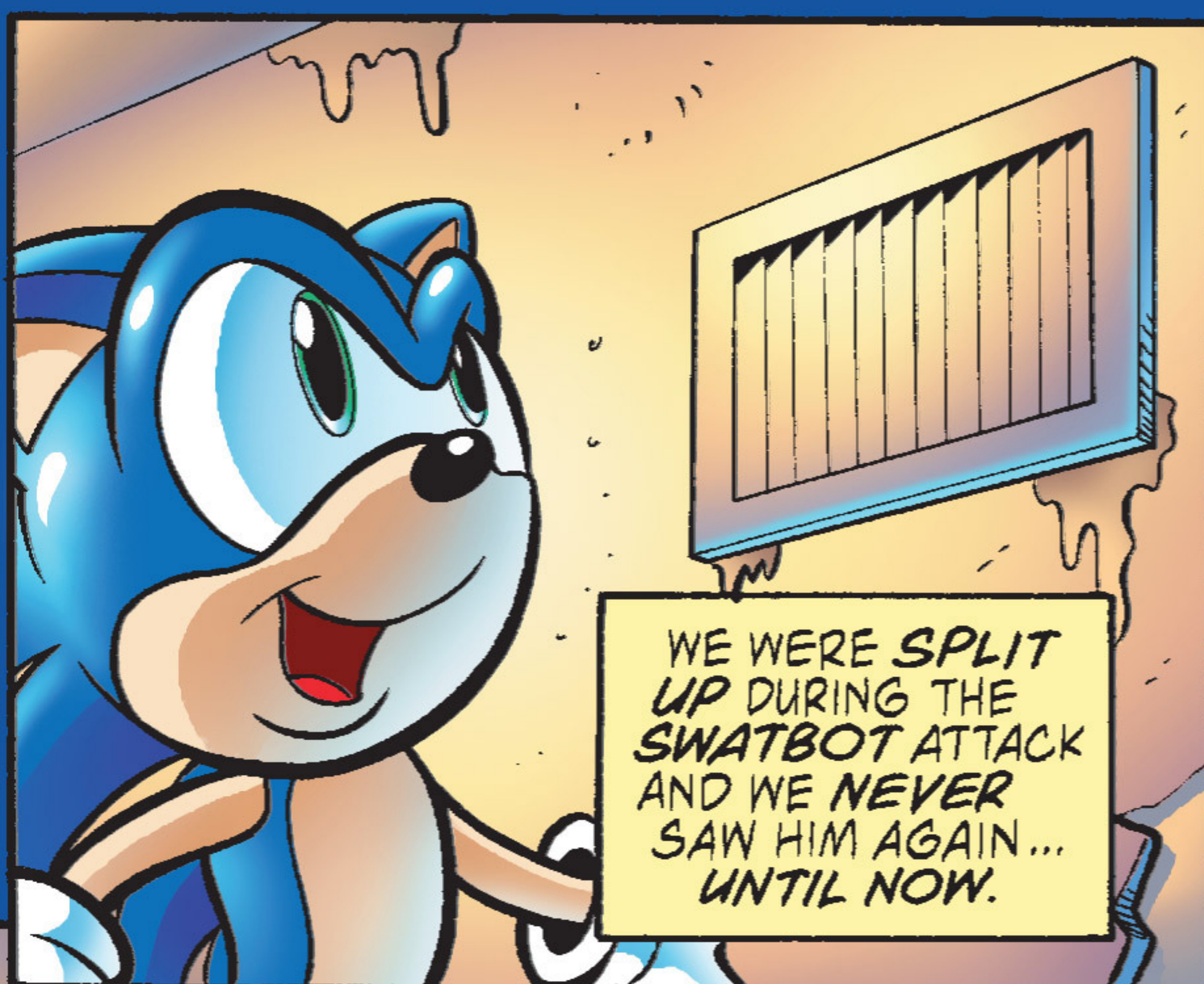
WE WERE?







AFTER TOMMY *WON* THAT RACE, WE WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT FRIENDS BUT *ROBOTNIK* TOOK OVER THE CITY THE *VERY NEXT DAY*.



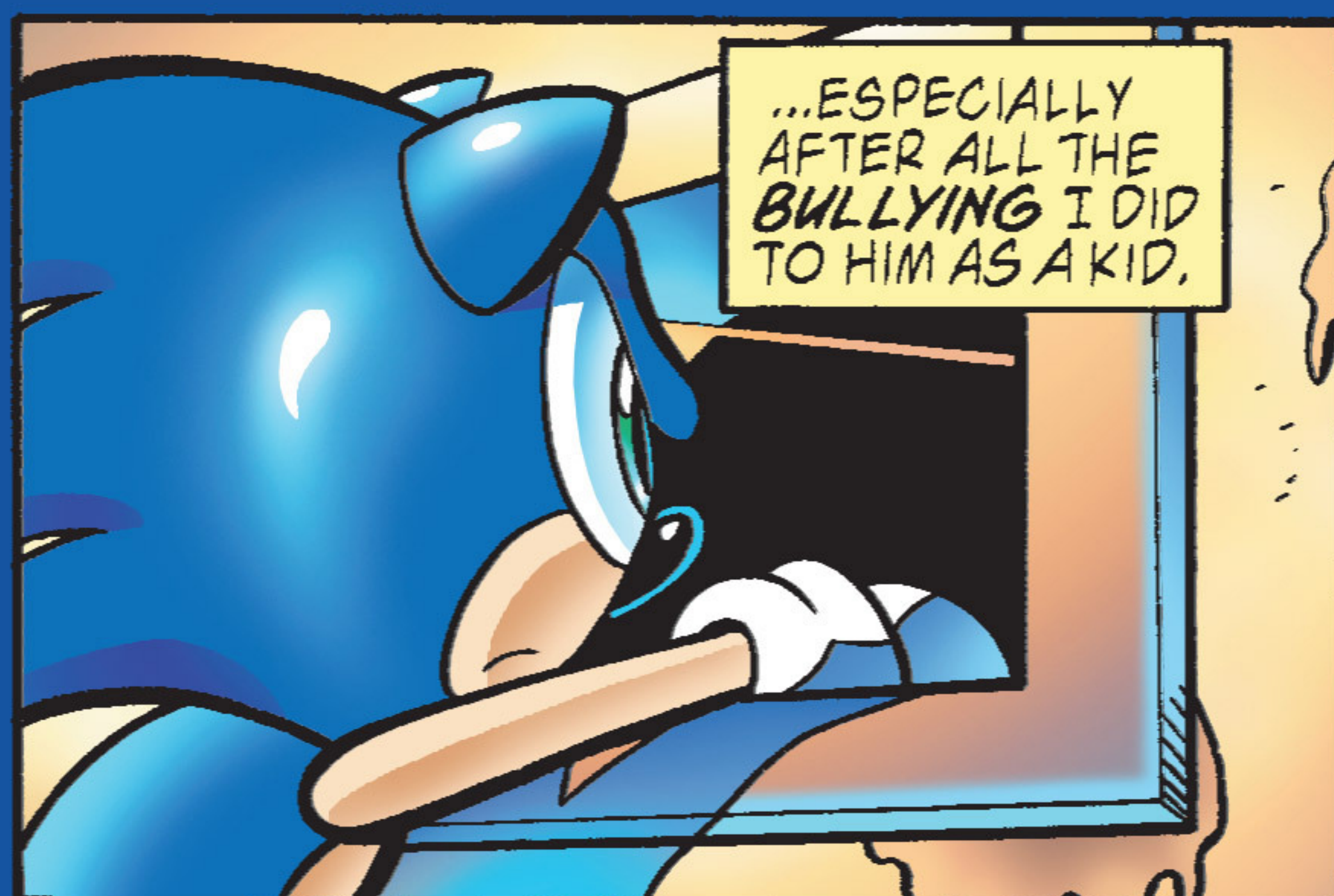
WE WERE *SPLIT UP* DURING THE *SWATBOT* ATTACK AND WE *NEVER* SAW HIM AGAIN... UNTIL NOW.

I KNOW I *SHOULD'VE* WAITED UNTIL SALLY GOT *THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS* TOGETHER BUT I COULDN'T WAIT.



I JUST HAD TO COME *ASAP*.

I HAD TO COME AND *SAVE* TOMMY...



...ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL THE *BULLYING* I DID TO HIM AS A KID.



'CAUSE OF HIM, I ALWAYS TOOK CARE OF THOSE *WEAKER* THAN ME INSTEAD OF PICKING ON THEM.

HE MADE *ME* REALIZE WHAT *TRUE* FRIENDSHIP WAS.



SPEAKING OF *FRIENDS* AM I GONNA HEAR IT FROM *SALLY* WHEN I GET BACK!



WAIT, I HEAR *VOICES*--



--I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

END OF CHAPTER 1

IT'S **ROBOTNIK** AND **SNIVELY** IN THE FLESH-- I MEAN--IN THE **TECH**.

I GUESS THEY FOUND ANOTHER SET OF **BODIES** AFTER THE LAST SET WERE **DESTROYED**.^{*} GREAT, JUST WHEN YOU **FIGURE** THEY'RE GONE FOR GOOD, **THERE** THEY ARE **AGAIN**.

HUH? I DON'T KNOW **WHAT** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT I **FIGURE** WE MADE A **DEAL** ONCE WE CAN **DO IT** AGAIN.

DRAGO, HUH? AH, YES... HERE YOU ARE IN MY **DATA FILES**. AH, I **SEE** YOU STRUCK A **BARGAIN** WITH **ROBOTNIK** DURING **PROJECT END GAME**.^{**}

A **DEAL** FOR A **FACTORY** I USED TO **OWN**? THE **AUDACITY** OF SUCH A THING MAKES MY **CIRCUITS** **SIZZLE**.

^{*}In **Sonic** #110.

^{**}In the classic stories chronicled in **Sonic** #47-50.

SO, DO YOU WANT TO **HEAR** OUR **TERMS** OR NOT?

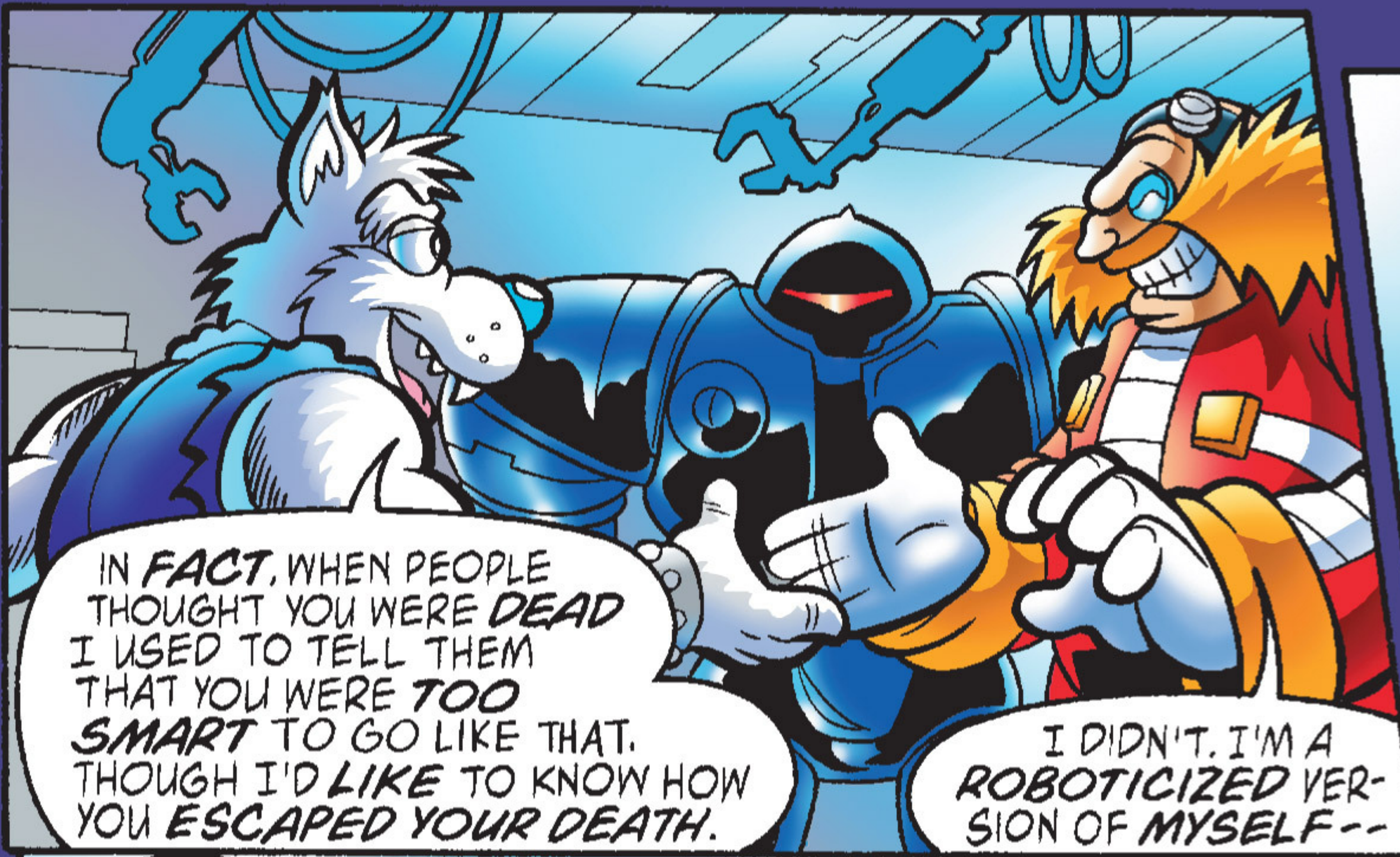
I DON'T **NEED** TO **HEAR** YOUR **TERMS**. I **ACCEPT**.

REALLY? JUST LIKE **THAT?**

JUST LIKE **THAT**.

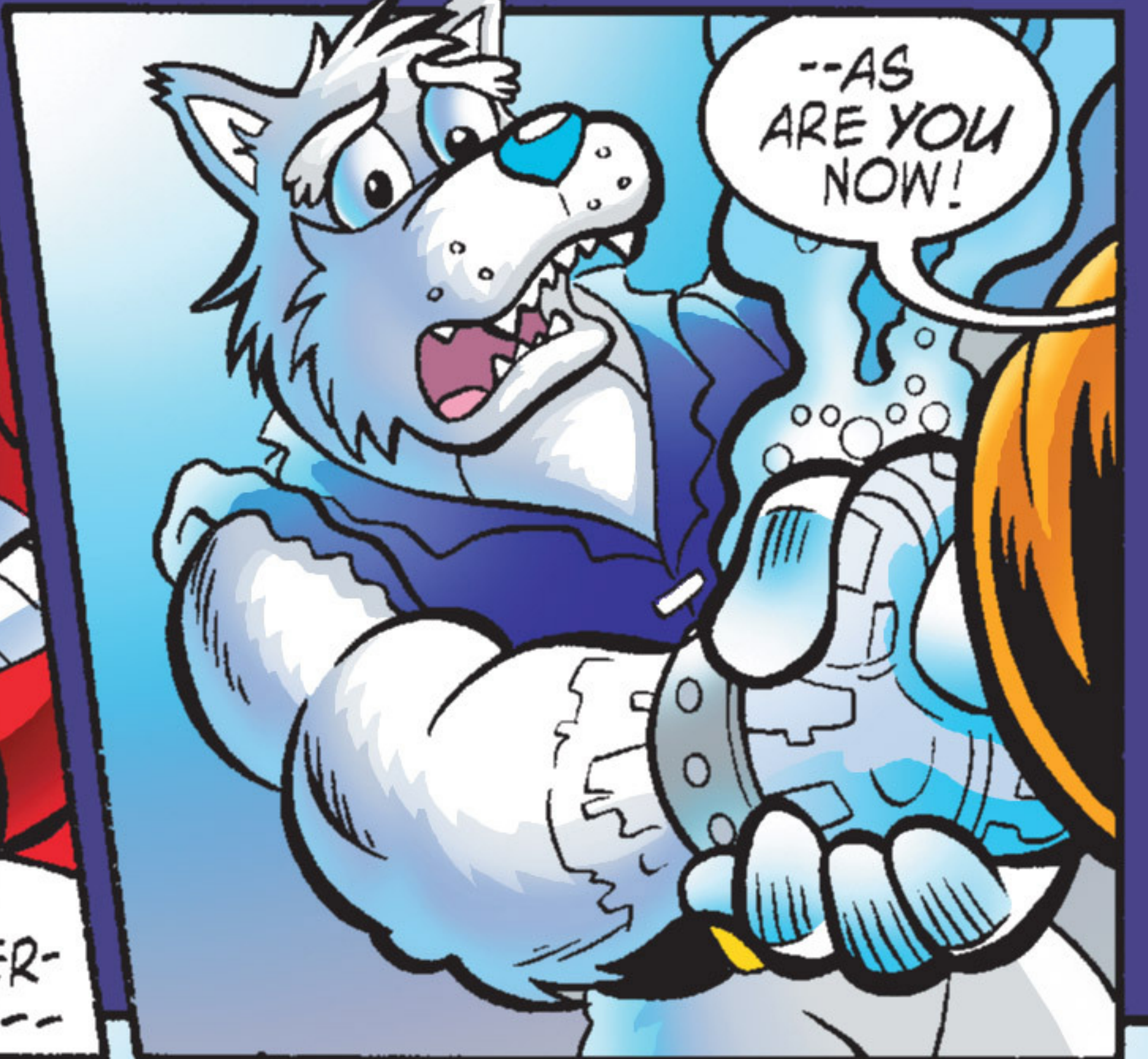
HEY, YOU'RE NOT SUCH A **BAD GUY** AFTER ALL.

THEN LET'S **SHAKE** TO CLOSE THE **DEAL**.

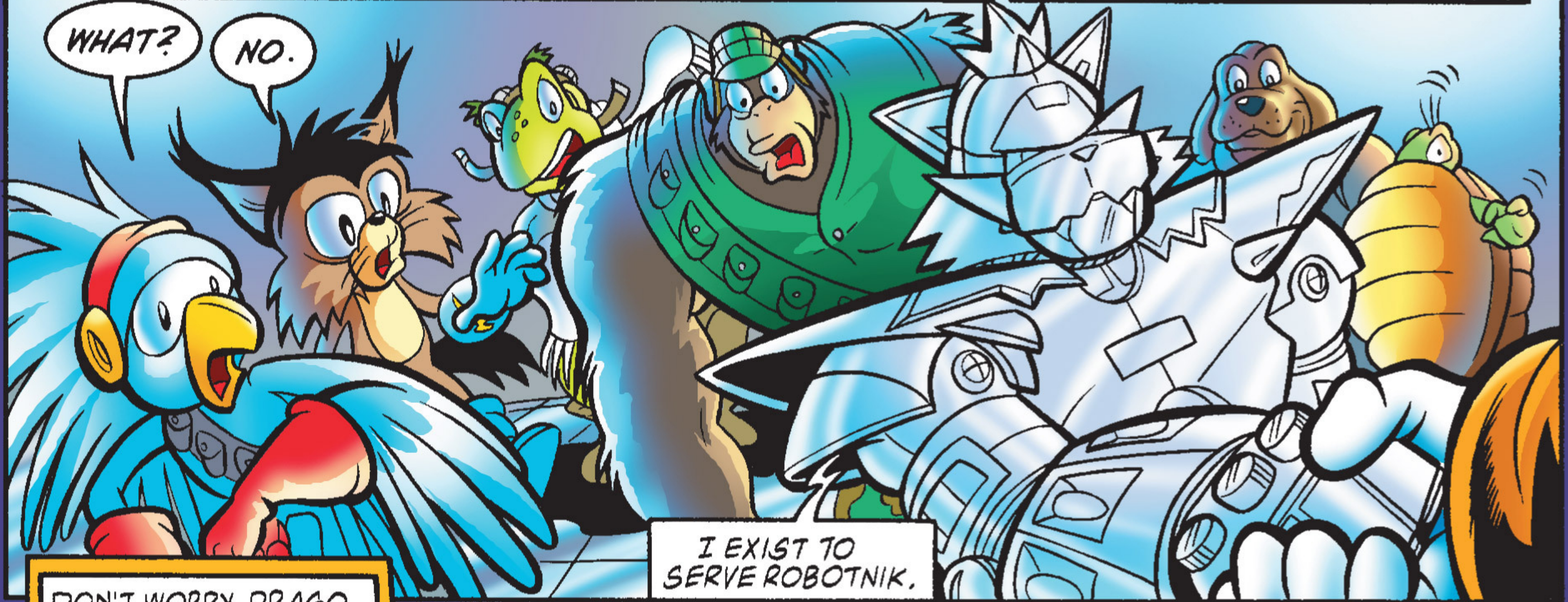


IN **FACT**, WHEN PEOPLE THOUGHT YOU WERE **DEAD** I USED TO TELL THEM THAT YOU WERE **TOO SMART** TO GO LIKE THAT. THOUGH I'D **LIKE** TO KNOW HOW YOU **ESCAPED** YOUR **DEATH**.

I DIDN'T. I'M A **ROBOTICIZED** VERSION OF MYSELF--



--AS ARE YOU NOW!

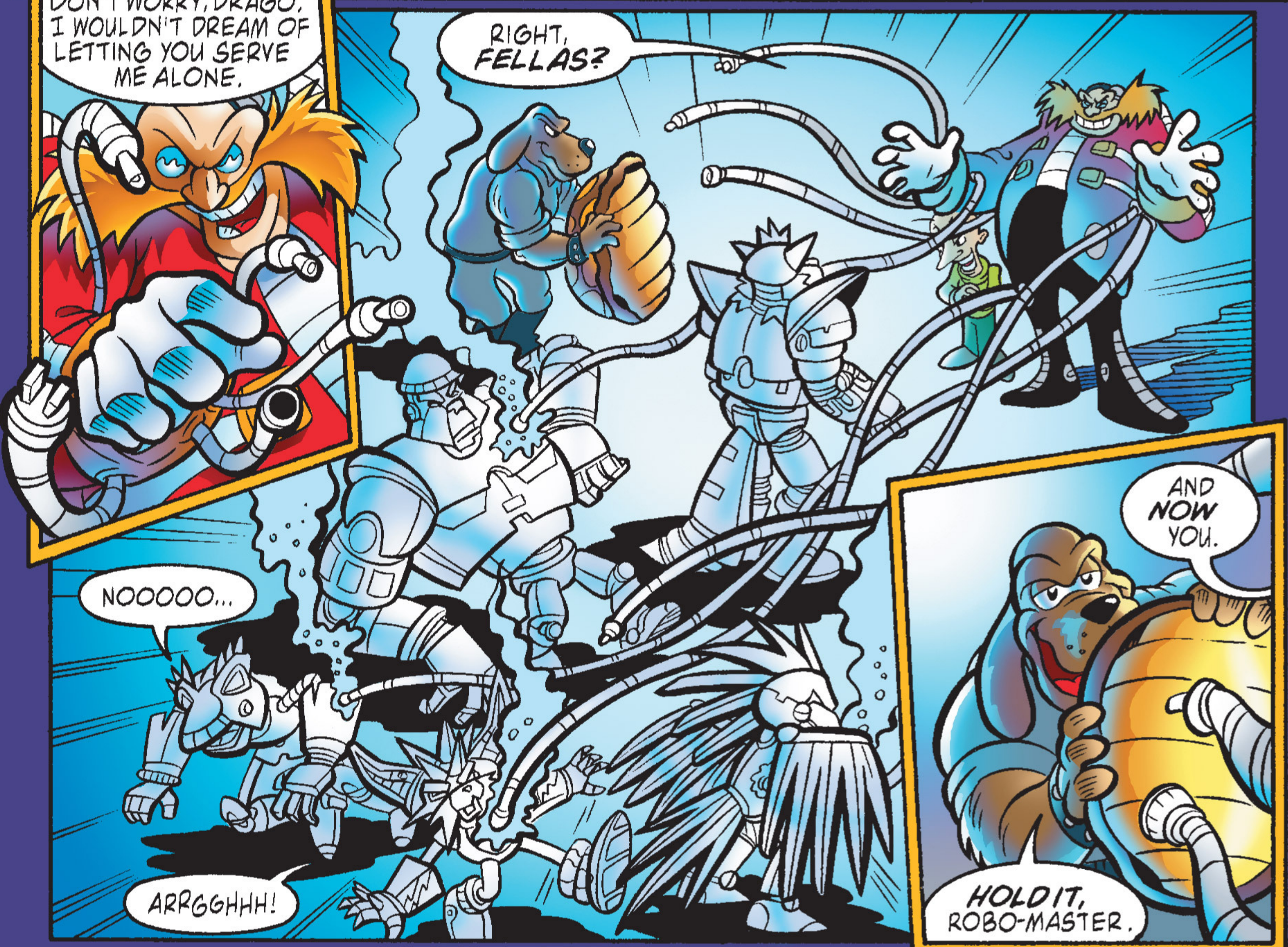


WHAT? NO.

I EXIST TO **SERVE** **ROBOTNIK**.



DON'T WORRY, DRAGO. I WOULDN'T DREAM OF LETTING YOU **SERVE** ME ALONE.



RIGHT, **FELLAS**?

NOOOOO...

ARRGGHHH!



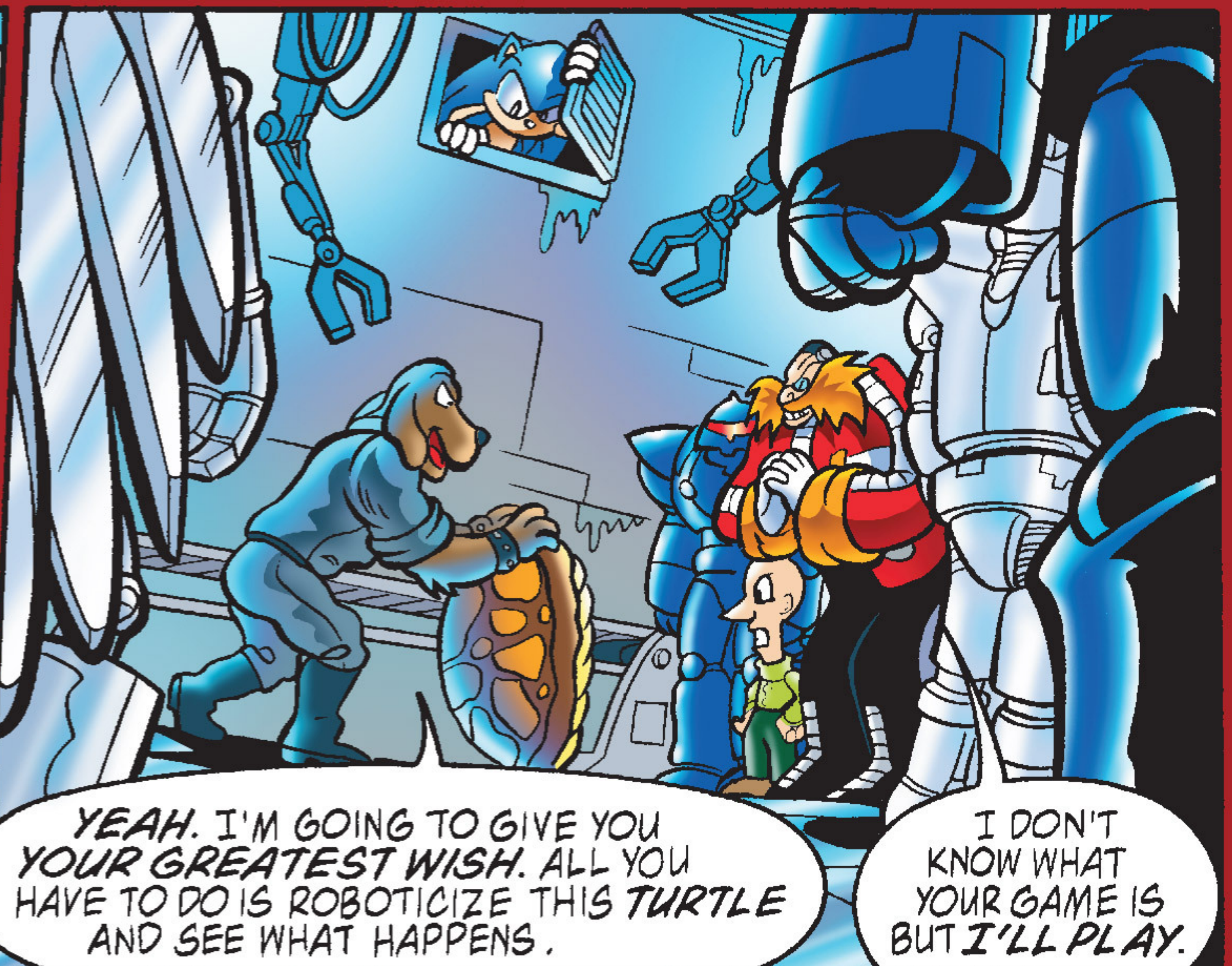
AND **NOW** YOU.

HOLD IT, ROBO-MASTER.



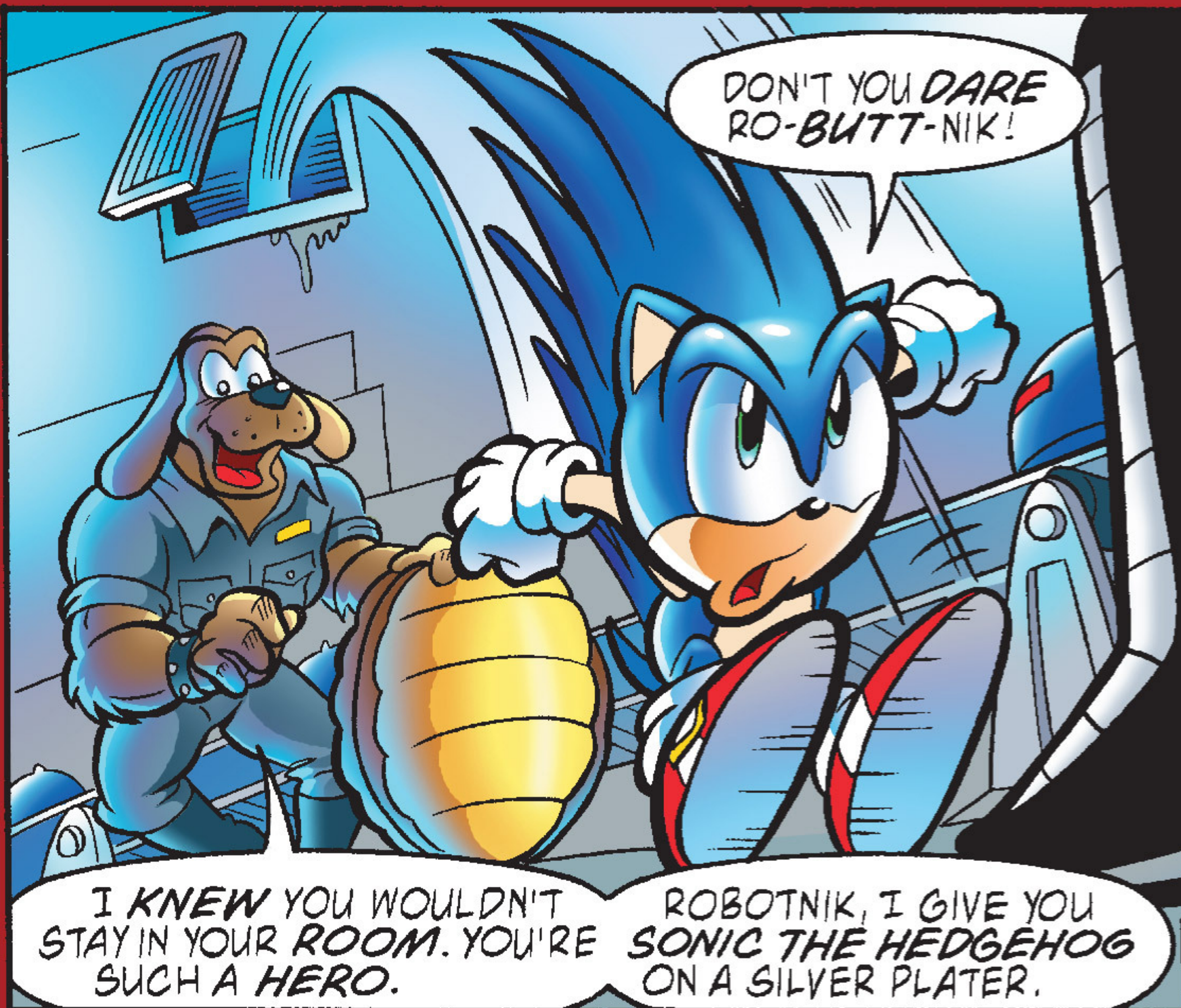
UNLIKE DRAGO, I ACTUALLY HAVE *SOME-THING* REAL TO TRADE.

OH, REALLY...*THIS* I GOT TO HEAR.



YEAH. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU *YOUR GREATEST WISH*. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ROBOTICIZE THIS *TURTLE* AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT *YOUR GAME* IS BUT *I'LL PLAY*.



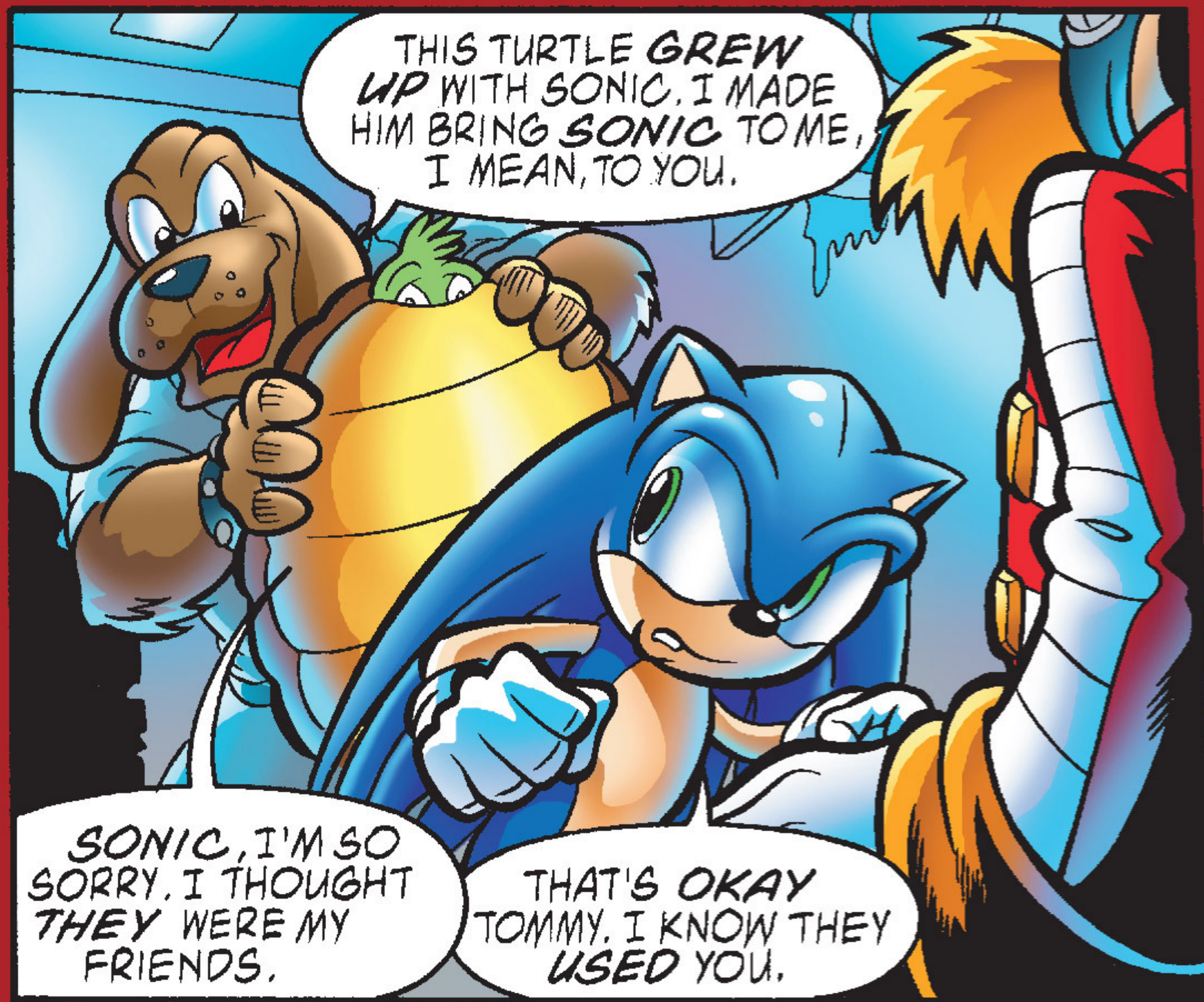
DON'T YOU *DARE* RO-BUTT-NIK!

I *KNEW* YOU WOULDN'T STAY IN YOUR *ROOM*. YOU'RE SUCH A *HERO*.

ROBOTNIK, I GIVE YOU *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* ON A SILVER PLATER.



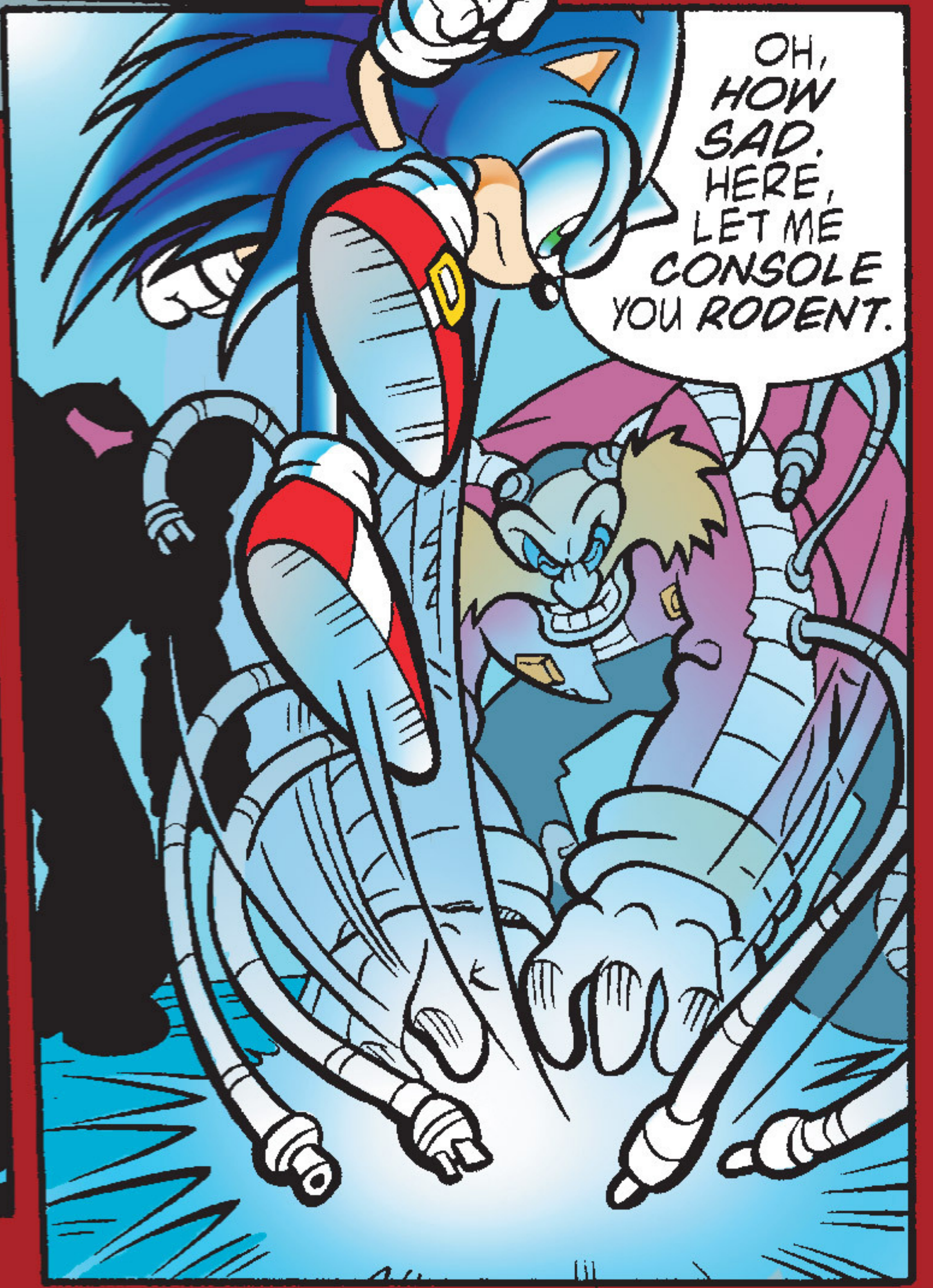
AT LAST-- A *REAL PRIZE*. HOW DID YOU *MANAGE* THAT FEAT?



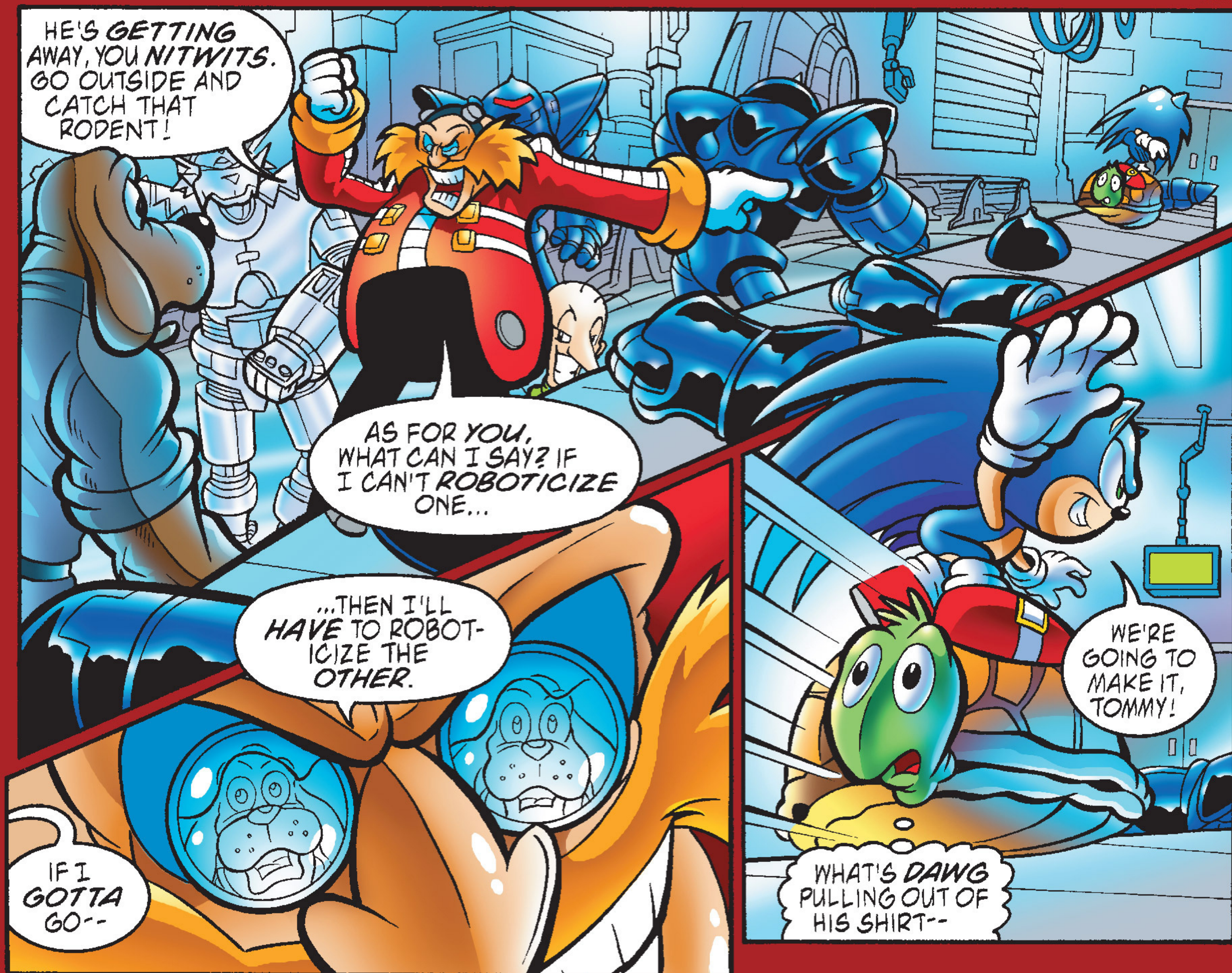
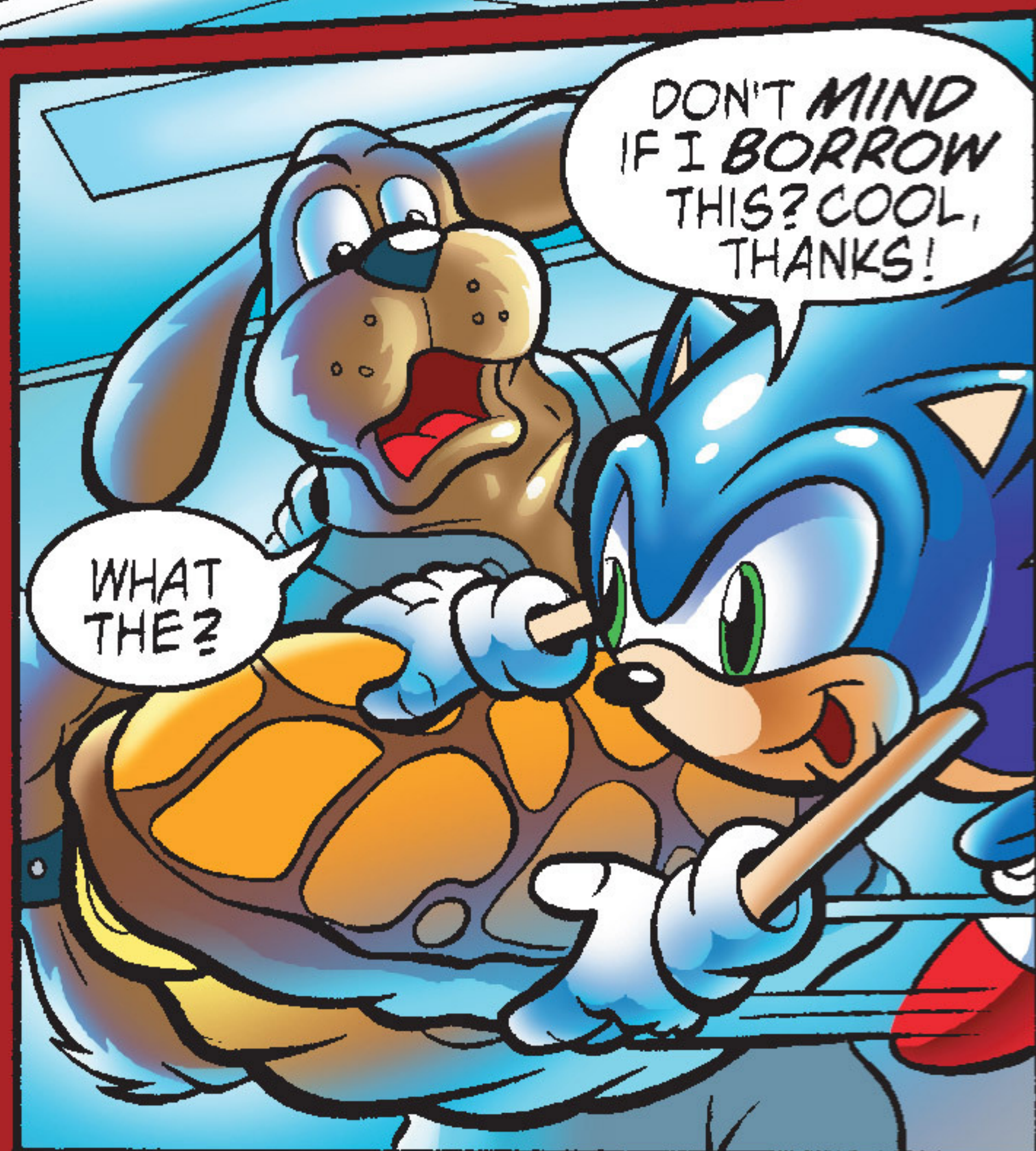
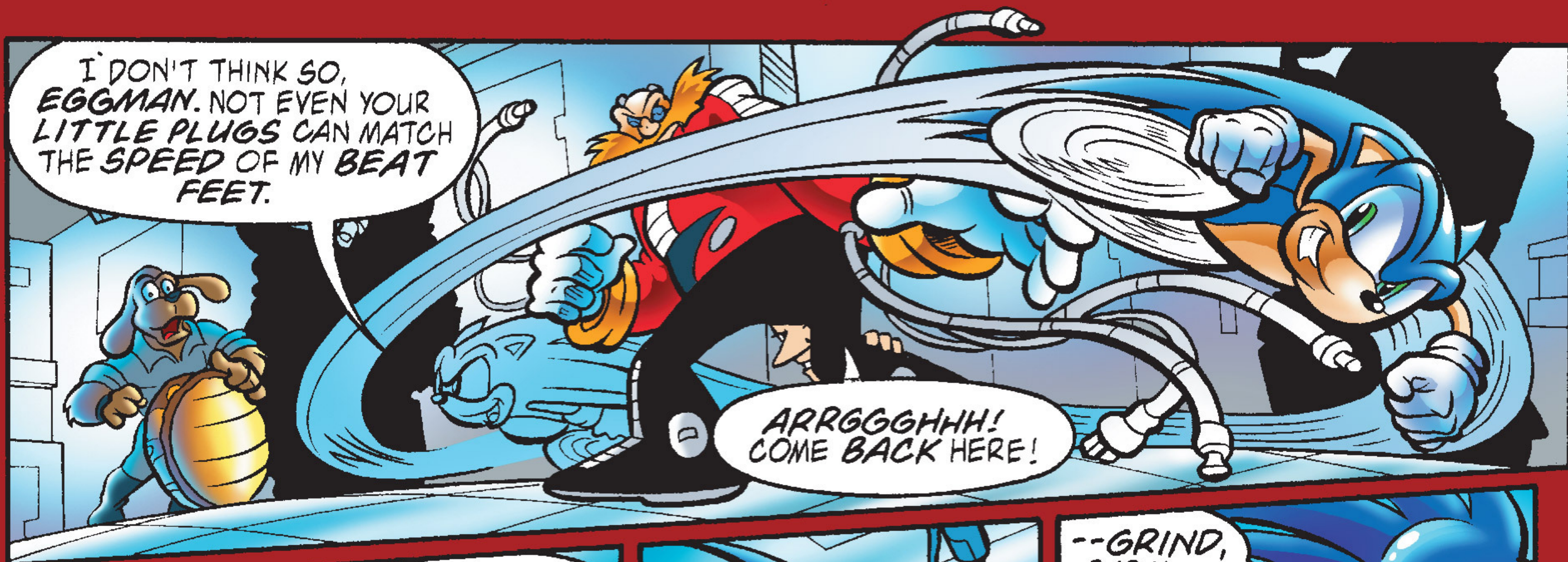
THIS TURTLE *GREW UP* WITH SONIC. I MADE HIM BRING *SONIC* TO ME, I MEAN, TO YOU.

SONIC, I'M SO SORRY. I THOUGHT *THEY* WERE MY FRIENDS.

THAT'S OKAY TOMMY. I KNOW THEY *USED* YOU.



OH, *HOW SAD*. HERE, LET ME *CONSOLE* YOU RODENT.





"--A GRENADE!"

I'M NOT GOING
ALONNNNNNEE!

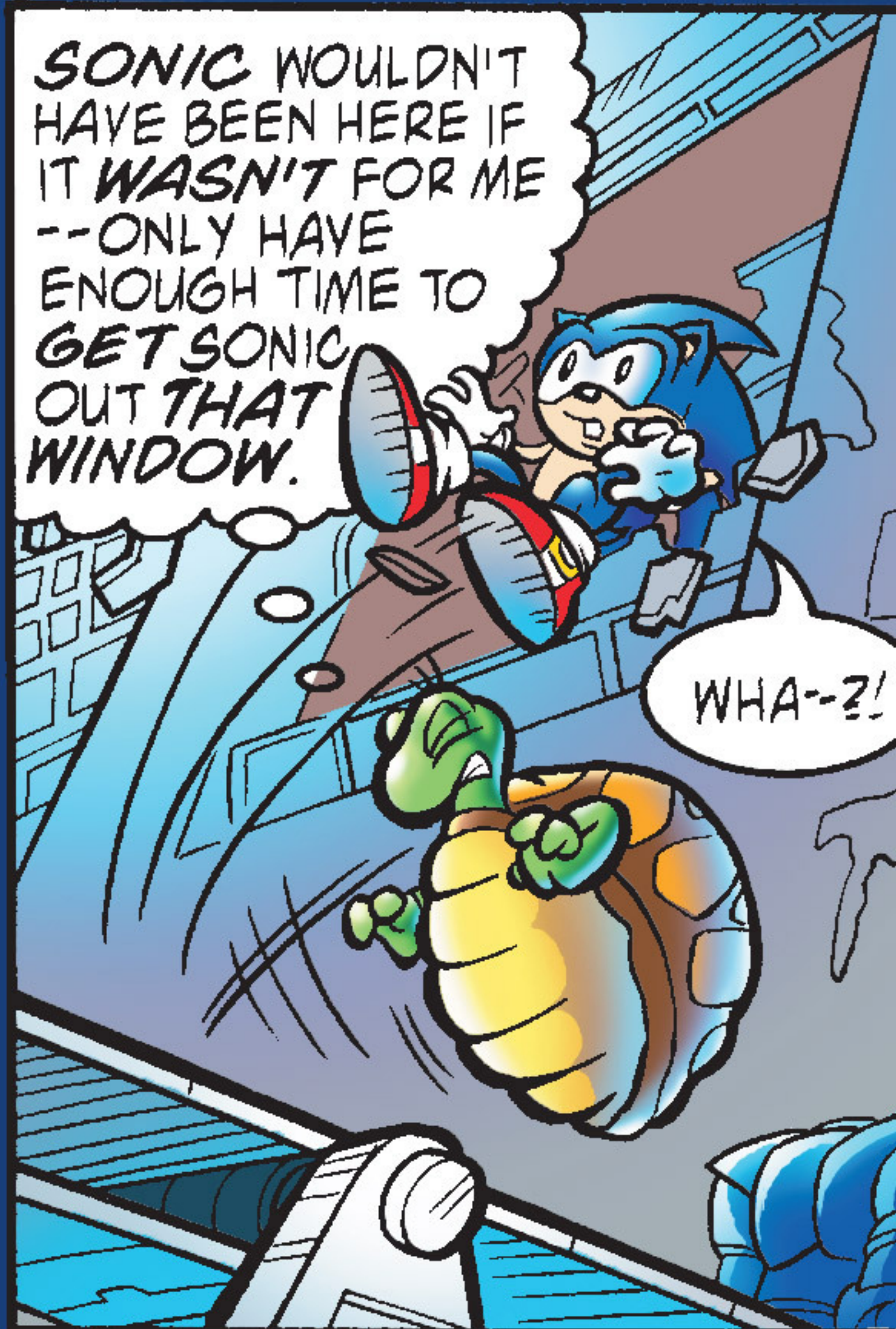


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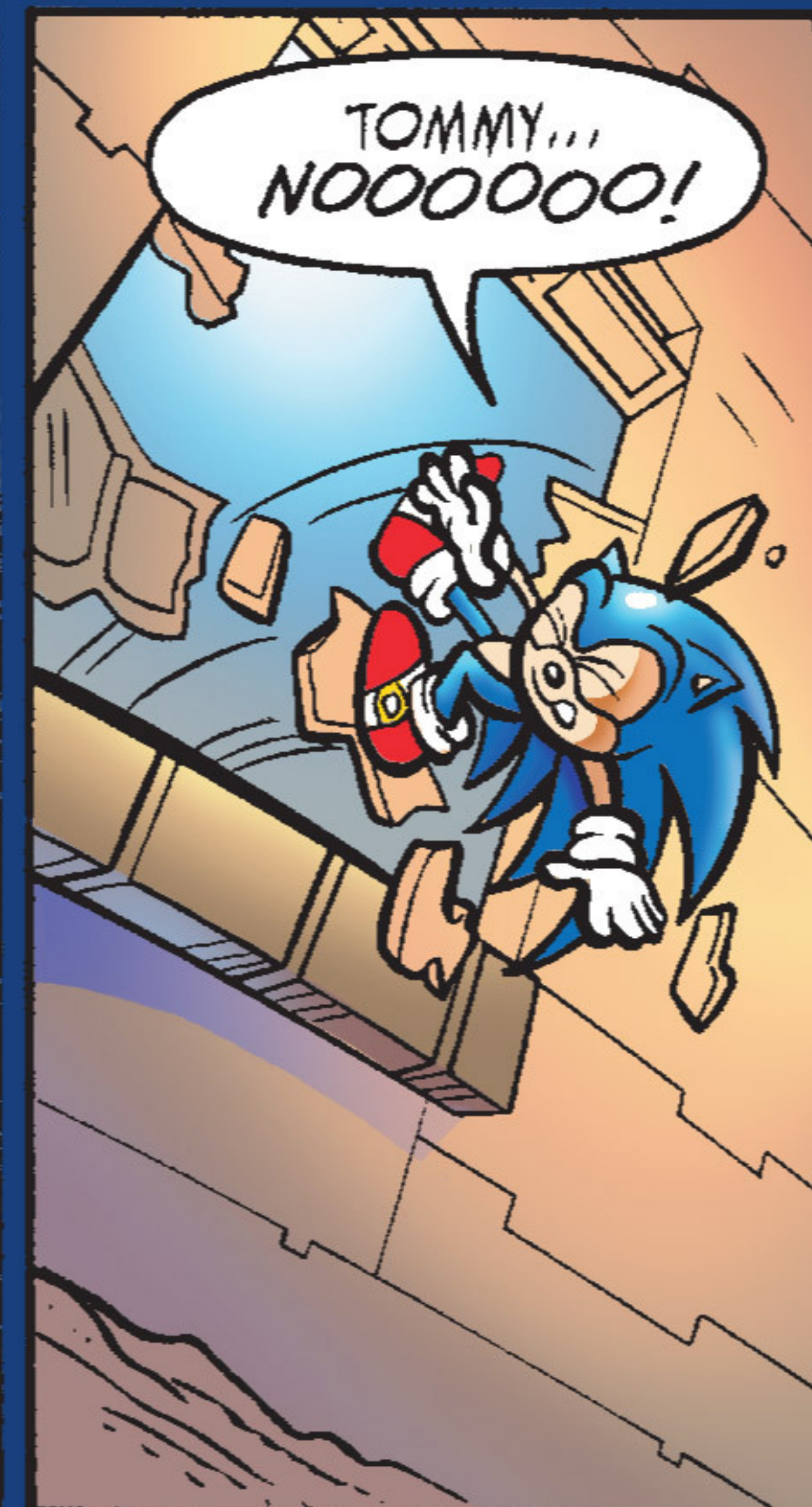
"...WE'RE
NOT GOING
TO MAKE IT!"

OH NO,
NOT AGAIN!

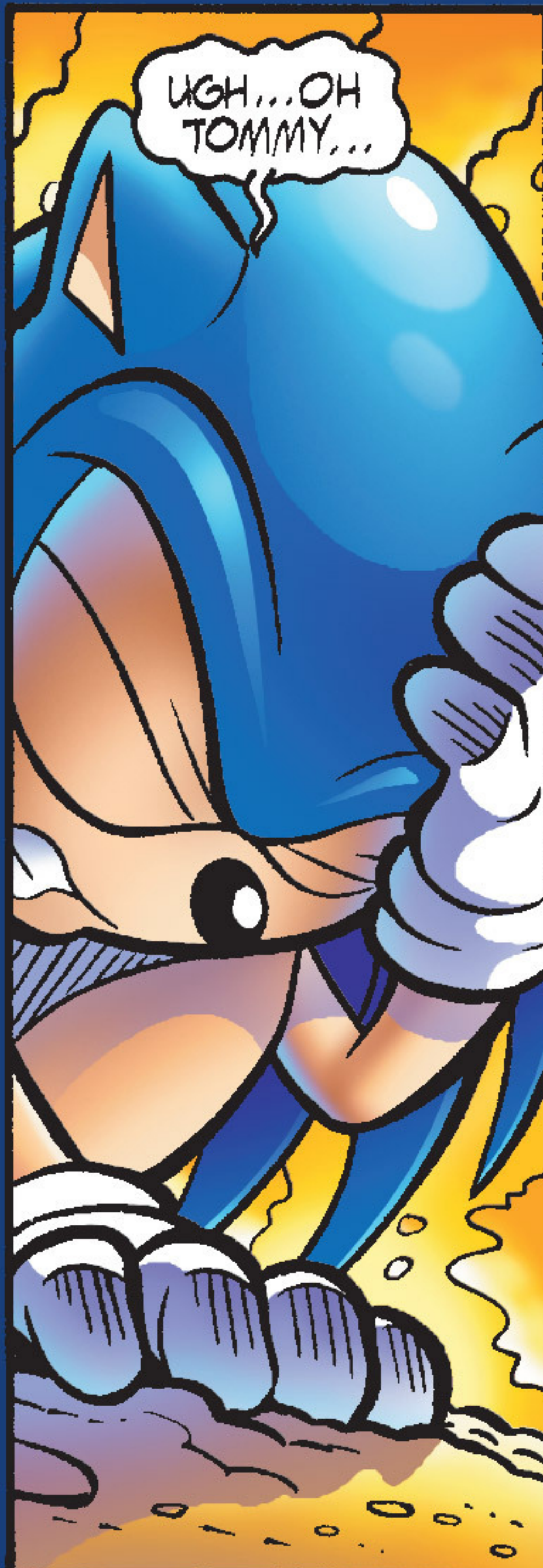


SONIC WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN HERE IF
IT WASN'T FOR ME
--ONLY HAVE
ENOUGH TIME TO
GET SONIC
OUT THAT
WINDOW.

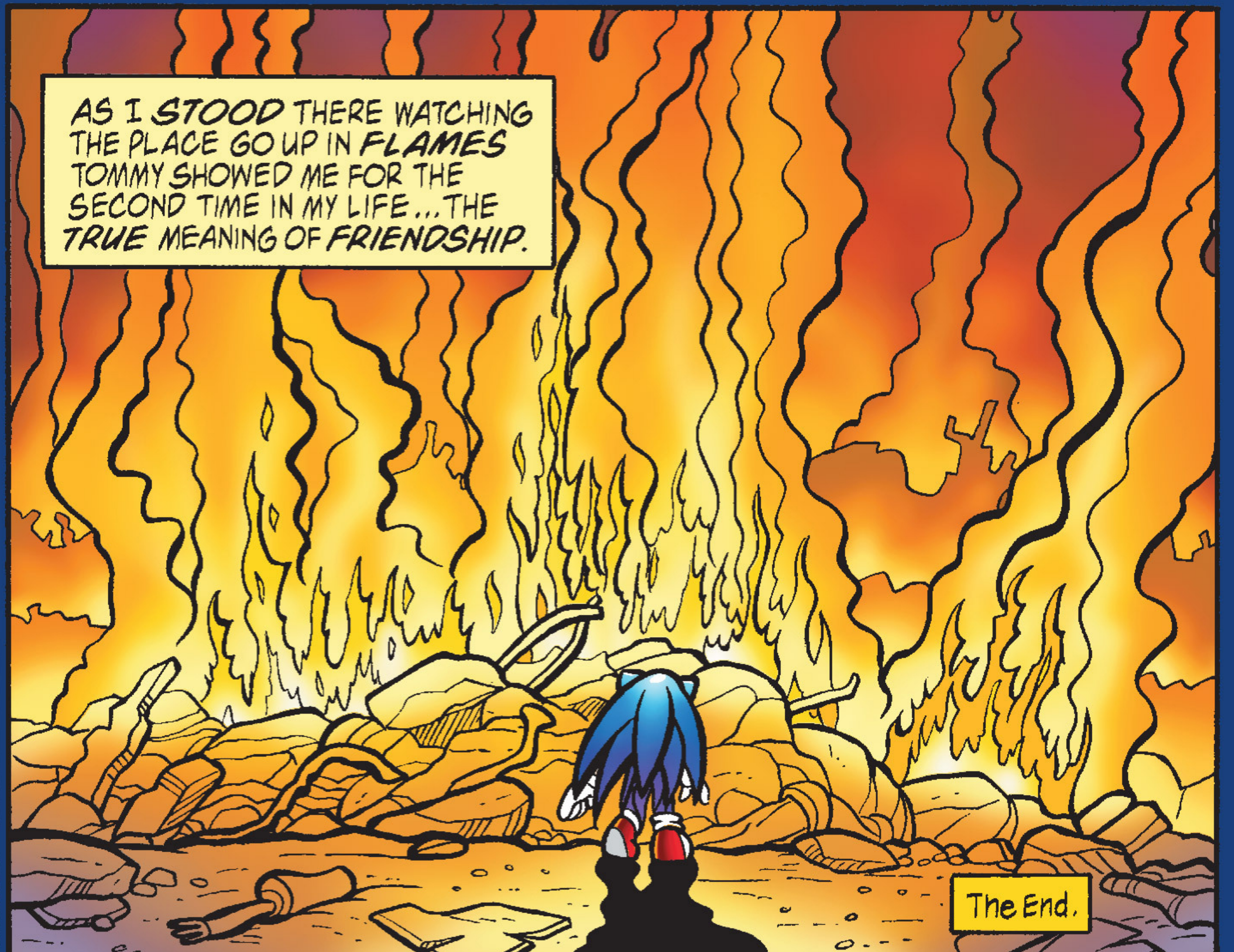
WHA--?!



TOMMY...
NOOOOOO!



UGH... OH
TOMMY...



AS I STOOD THERE WATCHING
THE PLACE GO UP IN FLAMES
TOMMY SHOWED ME FOR THE
SECOND TIME IN MY LIFE...THE
TRUE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP.

The End.

MAMMOTH MOGUL HAS
KIDNAPPED *DIMITRI* AND
IS NOW USING HIM TO LURE

KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA
INTO A TRAP.

AT THIS POINT, OUR *EMBATTLED*
ECHIDNA RESPONDS TO A CALL
FROM *CONSTABLE REMINGTON*,
WHOM HE FINDS AT
ECHIDNAOPOLIS GENERAL...

GUARDIAN!
YOU'RE JUST IN
TIME!

AND I SEE
YOU BROUGHT
THE CHAOTIX
IN TOW!

WHAT ARE
FRIENDS FOR,
Y'KNOW?

SO WHAT
GIVES? DOES
IT *INVOLVE*
DIMITRI?

ULTIMATE POWER PART THREE

IF YOU'RE A NEWCOMER WONDERING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT --

KEN PENDERS
SCRIPT, LAYOUTS & INKS

DAWN BEST
PENCILS

VICKIE WILLIAMS
LETTERER

JENSEN
COLORIST

JUSTIN GABRIE
EDITOR

-- WILL SOON HAVE YOU UP TO SPEED ON EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA AND HIS FRIENDS!

MY PEOPLE
DISCOVERED A *CAB*
DRIVER LEFT *VERY*
SERIOUSLY
IMPAIRED NEAR
THE HOSPITAL!

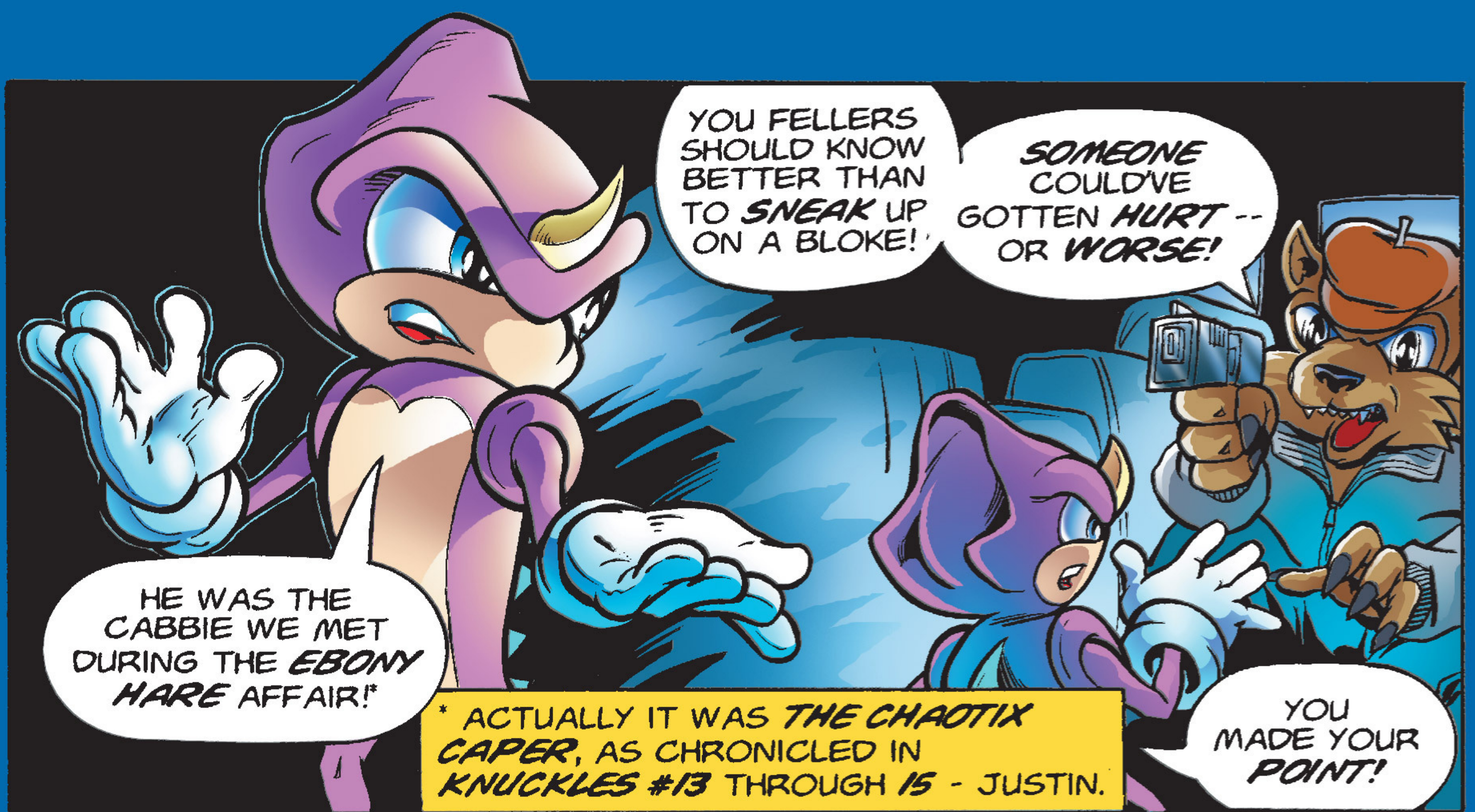
IT'S MORE
THAN LIKELY HE
KNOWS
SOMETHING!

HOW
SERIOUS
IS HE?

CRITICAL,
I'M AFRAID!

HARRY!

YOU GUYS
KNOW THIS
DINGO?



"WE WERE *HOPING* YOU
COULD *TELL* US *WHO*
DID THIS TO YOU..."

WE'RE TWO
OF A KIND --
YOU AND I!

BOTH CREATIONS FROM
OUR *EXPOSURE* TO THE
CHAOS EMERALD --

-- AND *BOTH*
STARING DEEP
INTO THE *DARK*
ABYSS!

YOU DIDN'T
MENTION -- HOW
MUCH --

-- WE'RE
ACCOUNTABLE
FOR!

IS THAT A *GUILTY*
CONSCIENCE YOU'RE
WEARING ON YOUR
SLEEVE, DIMITRI?

IT'S A BIT *LATE*
IN THE GAME FOR
THAT, WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?

I DID WHAT
I *BELIEVED*
TO BE
RIGHT!

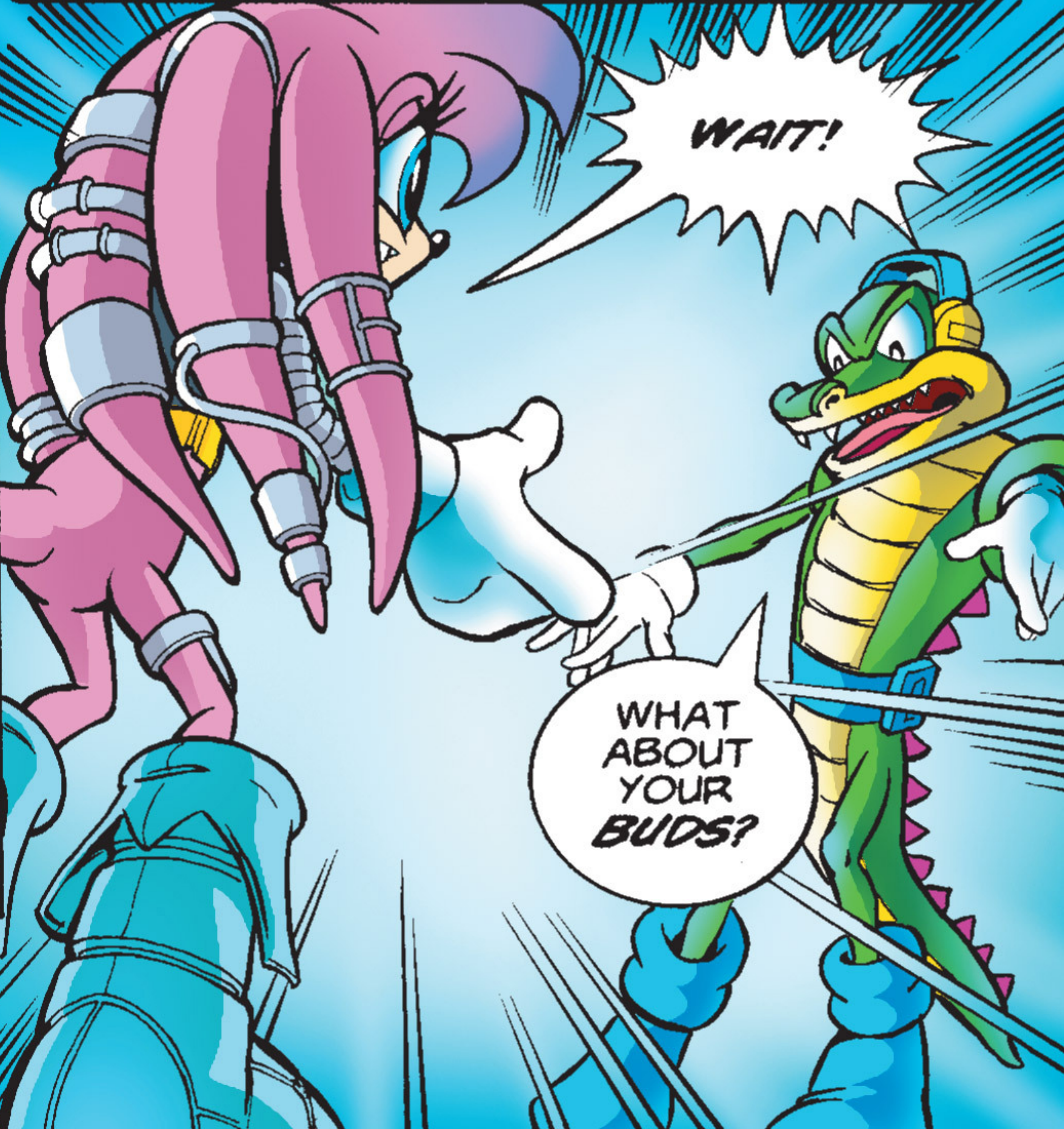
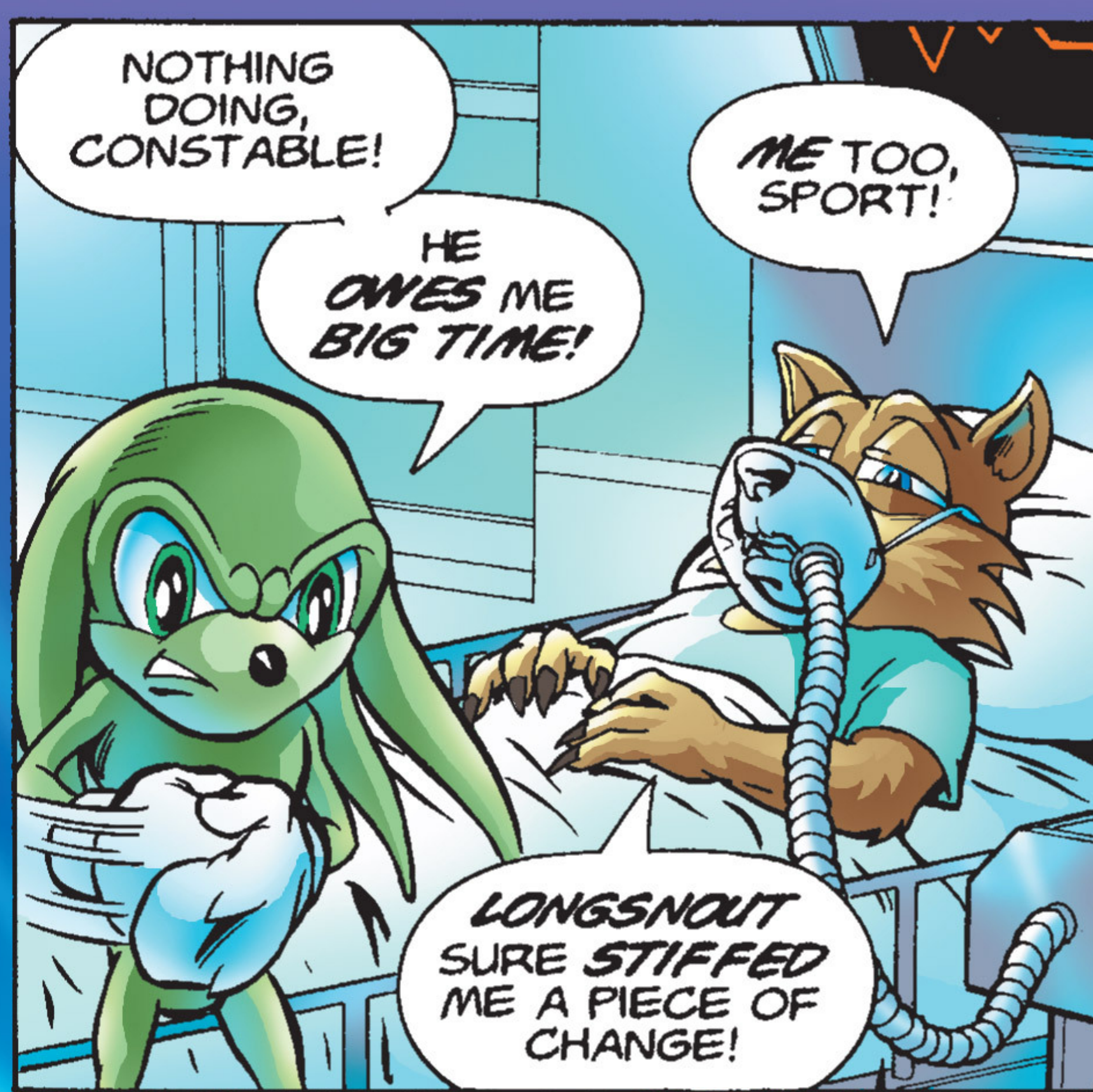
CAN YOU
SAY THE
SAME?

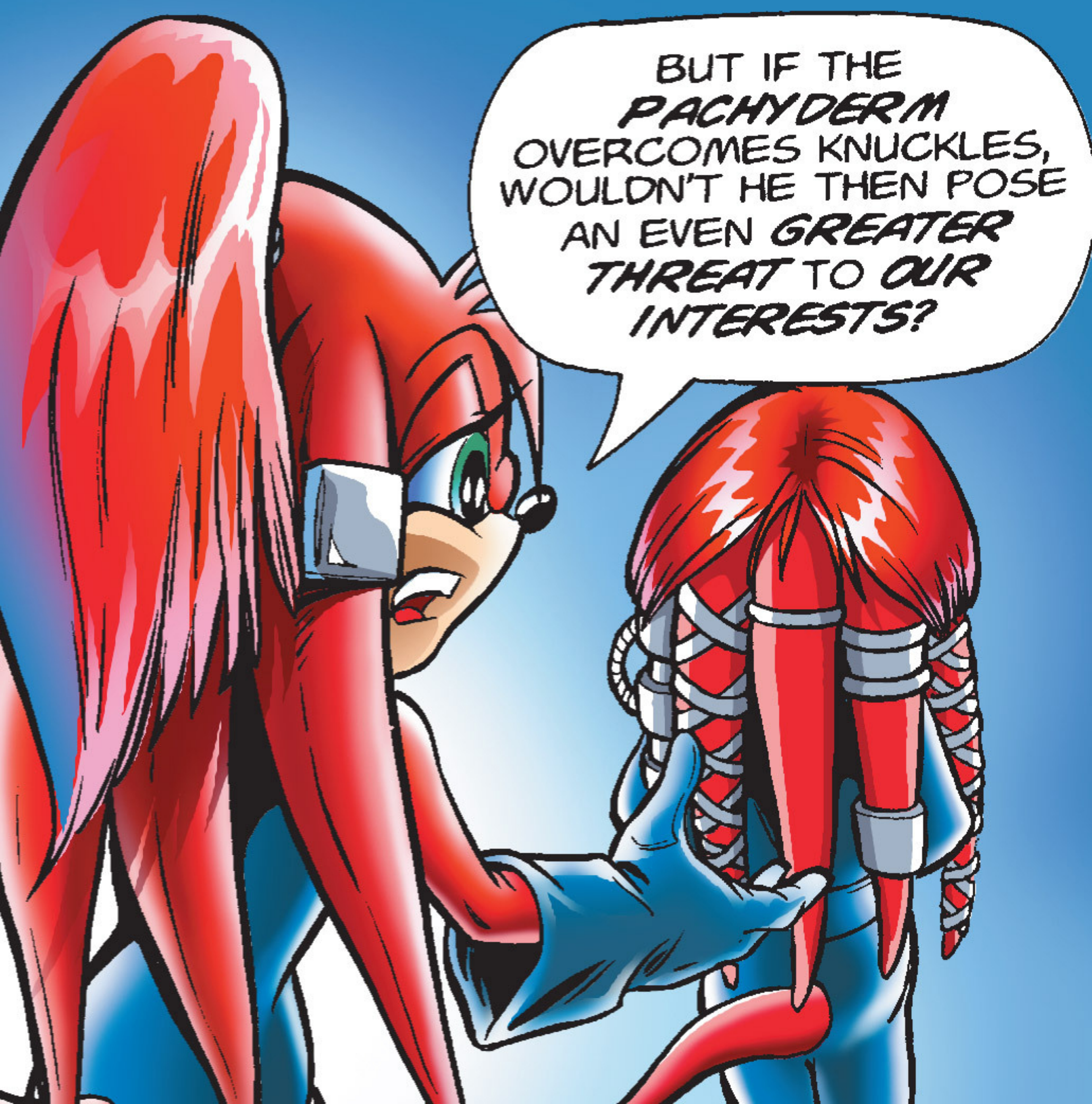
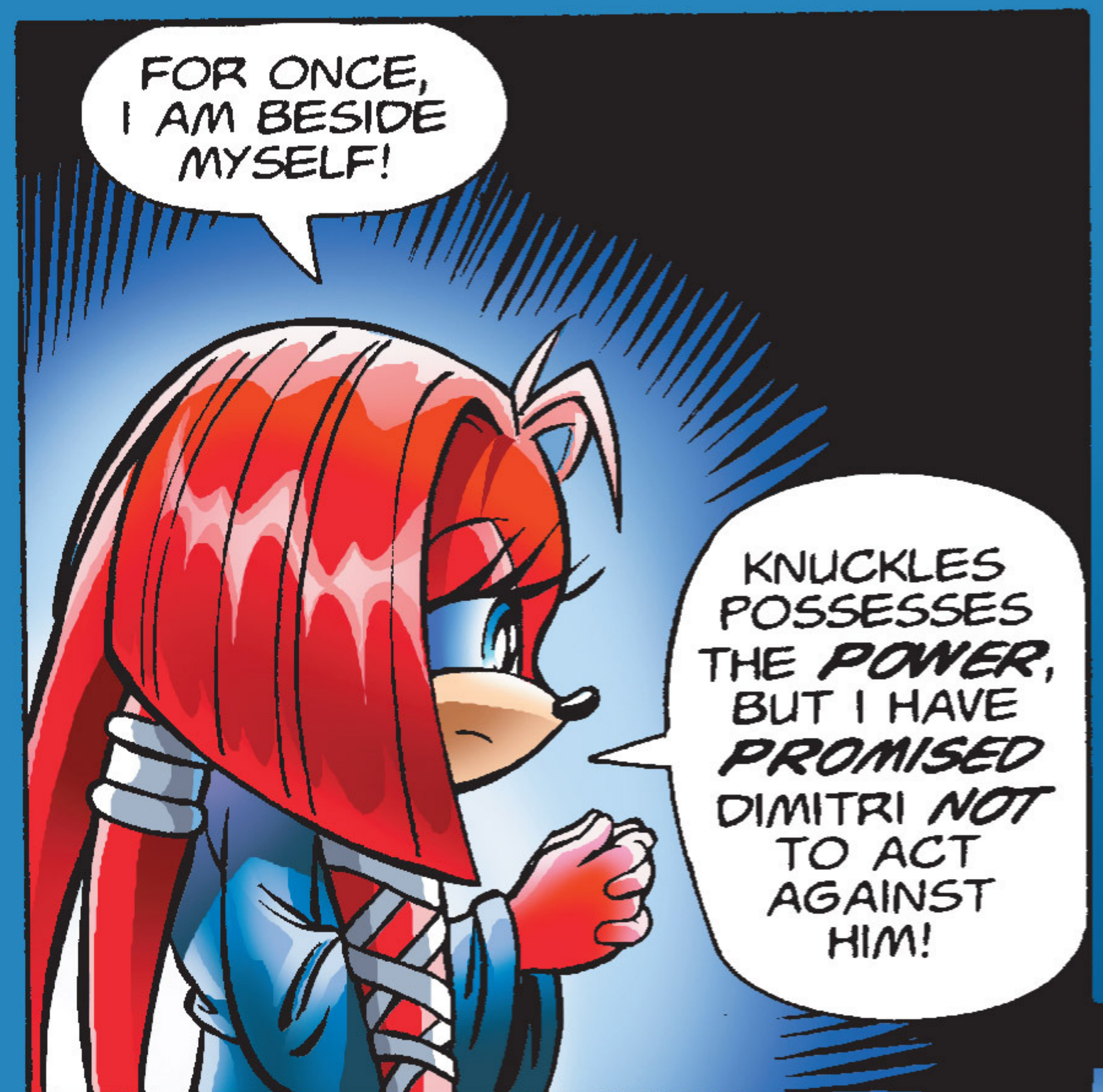
THE *ONLY*
THING THAT
MATTERS IN
LIFE IS
SURVIVAL!

ALL ELSE IS
SECONDARY!

MEANING?

"I HAVEN'T SURVIVED AS LONG AS I HAVE ONLY TO BE *THWARTED* BY AN *ECHIDNA TEENAGER*, NO MATTER HOW *POWERFUL* HE MAY BE..."





" -- EVERYTHING HINGES ON WHAT KNUCKLES DOES *NEXT*..."



GIVE IT UP,
MOGUL!

TIME TO TAKE
YOUR ACT
ELSEWHERE!



THINK YOUR CHEAP
PARLOR TRICKS
IMPRESS ME?

HARDLY!



I HAVEN'T
SHOWN MY
BEST STUFF
YET!

HAVEN'T YOU
HEARD?

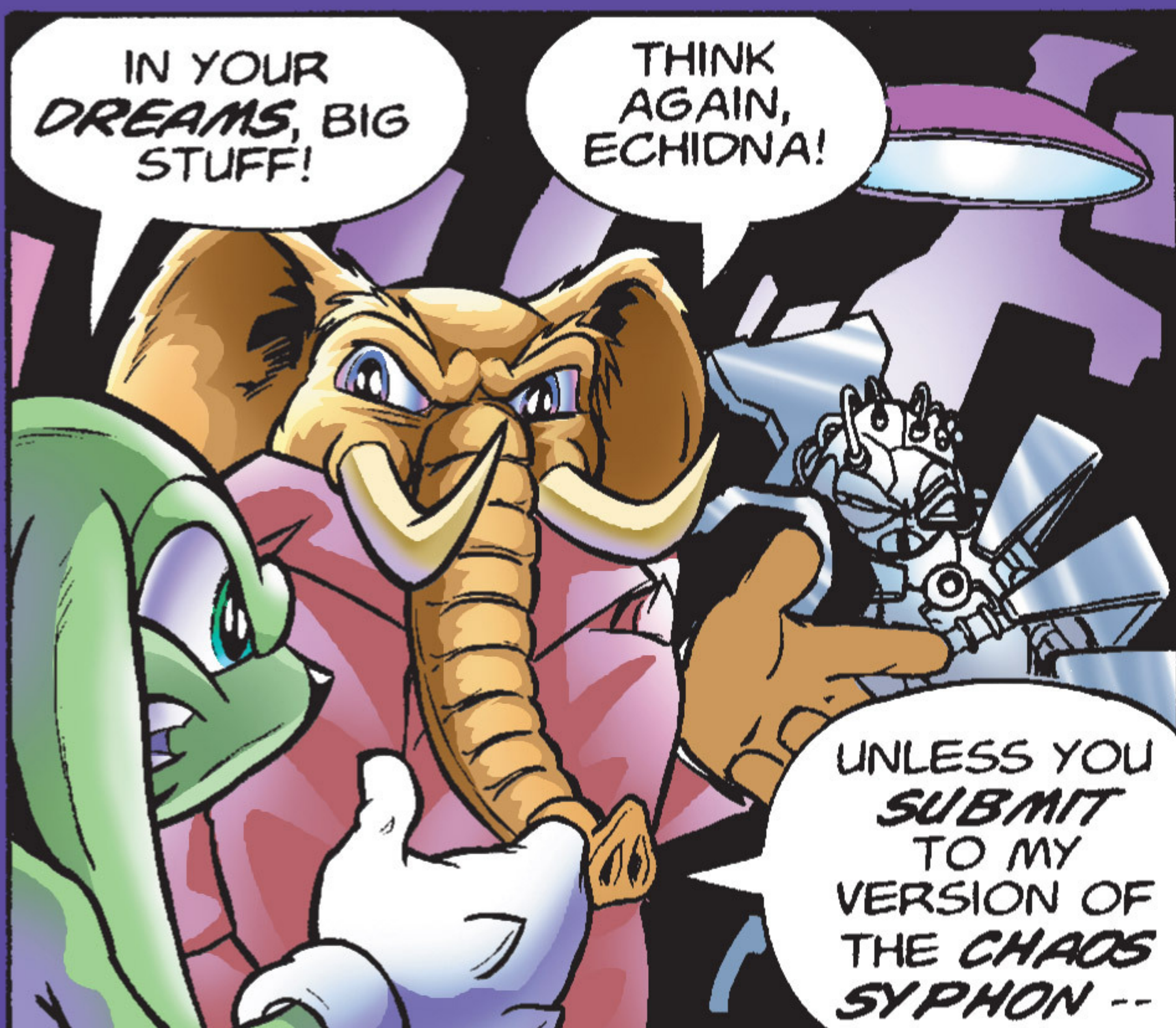
AGE AND
TREACHERY WILL
ALWAYS
OVERCOME YOUTH
AND STRENGTH!



IN YOUR
DREAMS, BIG
STUFF!

THINK
AGAIN,
ECHIDNA!

UNLESS YOU
SUBMIT
TO MY
VERSION OF
THE *CHAOS*
SYPHON --



-- ALL I HAVE
TO DO IS
PRESS THIS
BUTTON --

-- AND DIMITRI IS
DISCONNECTED
FROM LIFE
SUPPORT --

-- *PERMANENTLY!*

NEXT: PERHAPS THE MOST STUNNING
CONCLUSION TO A KNUCKLES
ADVENTURE YET! *DON'T MISS IT!*

